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Crucial talks on Lebanese presidential election

Gemayel, Assad try to break deadlock

BEIRUT, Sept 21, (Agencies): Lebanese President Amin Gemayel ended crucial talks with Syrian leader Hafez Al Assad today on ways to end a political deadlock over electing a new President for Lebanon.

Political sources feared that if the two failed to find a solution, Lebanon would face renewed violence in its 13-year civil war.

The Lebanese Army commander General Michel Aoun has threatened that the Army will take over power if Parliament fails to elect a new President by Friday.

In Damascus, official sources said Gemayel had more than four hours of talks with Al Assad in the first such meeting in two years of strained relations between the two. Gemayel flew to Damascus to meet Al Assad.



Gemayel (left) during talks with Al Assad in Damascus. (Reuter wirephoto)

importance of making the presidential election process a success. They also agreed to exert all possible efforts to facilitate it," Kourieh said.

Diplomats said the talks were a final bid to break an election deadlock and avert a crisis over the failure of Lebanon's factions to agree on a successor to Gemayel.

Gemayel flew in an Army helicopter from Damascus to the

seat of the Maronite Christian church in Beirut's suburb of Bkirki where he met 27 Christian deputies.

Political sources said the 46-year-old President, who refused to answer reporters' questions, was informing the deputies on his talks with Al Assad.

Tension ran high in Beirut on the eve of tomorrow's voting. Streets were deserted as people stayed home, huddled around

television sets and radios for the latest news.

In Damascus informed sources said a reconciliation meeting expected to be held there between Gemayel and Muslim leaders, including parliament Speaker Hussein Hussein and acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss, did not take place.

Diplomats in the Syrian capital said the two presidential

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Rajiv promises political talks on future of Punjab

JULLUNDUR, India, Sept 21, (Reuters): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, making his first visit in three years to violence-torn Punjab, promised today to hold political talks on the future of the north Indian state.

"I will call all political parties for discussions on the Punjab problem to counter terrorism and speed up development," he told members of his Congress (I) Party.

Rajiv said those talks would not include Sikh militants fighting a bloody campaign for an independent homeland they call Khalistan (land of the pure) in which over 1,900 people have been killed this year.

Security was extraordinarily tight during Rajiv's one-day visit, with thousands of paramilitary police and national security commands drafted in to bolster forces already in Punjab.

A senior police officer said the area where Rajiv addressed his party members had been swept for mines before the event. "Nothing at all has been left to chance. We are prepared for every eventuality," he said.

Speaking during a violent thunderstorm, Rajiv said some political power in Punjab, now held by New Delhi which rules

the state directly, would be returned to village councils.

The traditional power structure had broken down in the five-year Sikh separatist campaign, but Rajiv pledged the Congress Party would "return power to the people" at village level.

The Indian government had helped smooth the way for Rajiv's visit by ordering 138 Sikh militants freed from detention.

One official said the order was a show of goodwill by the government to free some of the militants held since early 1985.

They have been held since the 1984 security operation following the Indian Army's assault on the Sikhs' holiest shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar. Their release fulfills a long-standing Sikh demand.

The assault to crush extremists taking refuge in the temple led four months later to the assassination of Rajiv's mother, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

In May this year, a 10-day siege of the temple resulted in the deaths of at least 30 people and ended with the surrender of more than 150 militants.

By releasing 138 of the 326 militants being held in the Jodhpur central jail in Rajasthan state, Rajiv appeared to be offering an olive branch to Sikhs, said a Punjabi political analyst.

Dispute over Shatt Al Arab may retrigger Gulf war

NICOSIA, Sept 21, (Agencies): Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's acting commander-in-chief, said today that the dispute over the Shatt Al Arab waterway could retrigger the Gulf war.

The remarks came at a press conference during which Rafsanjani, who is also Parliament Speaker, said the eight-year war had helped Iran and accused Iraq of stalling peace negotiations.

the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said.

The Shatt Al Arab has become a main sticking point in the United Nations-sponsored peace talks that started Aug 25 in Geneva. Iraq insists that the waterway be cleared of war wreckage immediately, while Iran has said it is a secondary issue.

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Rajiv talks to children dressed in traditional Punjabi costumes before he addressed a rally at Goidwal in Punjab. (Reuter wirephoto)

British Airways to begin Kuwait-Madras flight

By M.C. Bose

THE British Airways is now accepting bookings for its Kuwait-Madras flight as fares have been finalised.

Madras is being introduced by BA as a new destination from Kuwait for the winter schedules. Two non-stop flights will operate each week, departing from Kuwait on Fridays and Sundays at 9.05 am, arriving in Madras at 4 pm.

The eastbound flight will originate in London. The first flight, BA149, will leave London's Heathrow Airport on Nov 3 at 10.20 pm, arriving in Kuwait at 8.00 am on Friday, Nov 4 and continuing on to Madras at 9.05 am.

The first westbound flight will

be the BA148, leaving Madras at 9.00 pm on Friday, Nov 4.

Price

Ralph Collins, British Airways Sales Manager, said return tickets for Kuwait-Madras flight will cost approximately KD195. Passengers availing this flight and proceeding to Bangalore will not have to pay any extra amount, he said.

He added, ticket prices for Kuwait-Cochin and Kuwait-Trivandrum have been finalised at KD200, and Kuwait-Madurai at KD210.

However a passenger who travels from Kuwait via Delhi to Madras and back to Kuwait without touching Delhi is expected to pay only KD195, Collins said.

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Ahmad: 40°C 104°F
Fahala: 38°C 100°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 26 per cent
Ahmad: 31 per cent
Fahala: 42 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 24 per cent
Ahmad: 28 per cent
Fahala: 40 per cent

Baby premature

Benazir gives birth to a son

KARACHI, Sept 21, (Agencies): Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto gave birth to a son today, her first child since her marriage to a wealthy local businessman last year, her family announced.

It said the baby was delivered by Caesarean section four to five weeks prematurely at 9.30 am (0430 GMT) at a public hospital in Karachi.

Hospital sources said Benazir, 35, was admitted last night and that both the mother and child were in good health.

Grandson
"God has blessed our family with the first grandson of shahid Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to be born in our country," Benazir's mother, Begum Nurat Bhutto, said in a statement.

She told reporters at the hospital the baby weighed seven pounds (3.2 kg), but offered no explanation as to why the child was premature.

National Assembly elections are scheduled for Nov 16 in which Benazir's opposition Pakistan People's Party has a strong chance of victory.

"I'm jubilant," exclaimed her husband of nine months, Karachi businessman Asif Ali Zardari.

Bhutto family sources said the baby's parents were considering the names Zulfikar or Assad.

President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who died in a mysterious plane crash on Aug 17, announced the date in July, and critics had suggested the late President set the schedule in a bid to hinder the campaign of Benazir, who was likely to have been in the final weeks of her pregnancy during the run-up to the polls.

Campaign
Begum Bhutto, who is co-chairperson of the PPP along with her daughter, arrived in Pakistan last week from her home in London to take part in the election campaign.

The Pakistan Muslim League (Junjo group) has started talks with PPP to forge an electoral alliance, according to a senior leader of the group.

Islamuddin Sheikh, the secretary-general of the PML said in Karachi yesterday that the talks were being held at top level but did not mention the names of leaders involved.

Zia's son receives death threats
JEDDAH, Sept 21, (AP): The son of the late Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq says he has received death threats since his father was killed in a plane crash on Aug 17, the daily Saudi Gazette reported today.

Ijaz-ul-Haq, a 36-year-old son of the late Pakistani President, did not say in an interview with the daily who had made the threats.

Ijaz was in Saudi Arabia earlier this week to perform umra.

In Bahrain, his family said he had left Saudi Arabia for Islamabad to attend a memorial service for his father.

family would be there to carry forward the mission of his late father, Islamisation of the society."

It quoted him as adding: "We are committed to our father's mission at all costs."

Return
The Gazette said that he met with Abdullah Omar Naseef, secretary-general of the Makka-based Muslim World League and a friend of his late father.

Ijaz said that the recently established Zia-ul-Haq Foundation in Islamabad would work initially to help the poor and "Afghan refugees until their honourable return to their homes."

Many of the estimated five million Afghan refugees who fled the fighting in their country live in Pakistan.

Ijaz was quoted in a recent interview as saying he suspected the Soviet Union may have had a hand in the death of his father.

Adapt
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Benazir

Bank's female employees defy new dress code

By Fathima Ahmed

THE female staff of a local bank yesterday defied a new dress code and wore saris and Punjabi dresses to work, according to informed sources.

A local bank this week devised the dress code for their staff telling women not to wear the Indian sari and Pakistani Punjabi dresses to work, according to informed sources.

The verbal order was given to all managers, who were asked to inform their Asian female staff about the dress code.

Female employees contacted at the bank refused to comment, saying the "dress code issue was an inhouse" matter. Not many women at the bank seemed concerned about changing their dress style.

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Khaddafi urges Iraq to be flexible in peace talks

ABU DHABI, Sept 21, (Agencies): Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi said in remarks published today that Iraq must accept a 1975 border treaty and show flexibility in peace talks with Iran.

"I really fear that the peace opportunity might be lost and I have asked Iraq to show some flexibility in the negotiations," Khaddafi told the Sharjah-based Al Khaleej daily.

Iran and Iraq signed the 1975 treaty in Algiers. Iraq conceded that the southern border ran down the middle of the Shatt Al Arab waterway in return for Tehran halting support for a Kurdish rebellion.

Stalled
Iraq's President Saddam Hussein tore up that treaty in a televised speech several days before the beginning of the Gulf war.

Peace talks that began Aug 25 in Geneva have stalled because Iraq says the treaty is null and void while Iran insists it is still valid.

Khaddafi said: "I don't find any necessity for this Iraqi obduracy regarding the agreement which should be endorsed and respected by both sides."

Khaddafi said an Arab initiative was needed to push forward the Gulf peace talks, due to reconvene in New York on Thursday.

"Such an initiative should be under the slogan that the Iraqis are our brothers in Islam and should be supported," he said, adding that Libya was ready to take part in the effort.

Asked what would happen in post-war Iran, Khaddafi told Al Khaleej: "I expect violent conflicts."

"Actually such conflicts began before the Iran-Iraq war and continued afterwards ... now they will surface again."

He did not elaborate but added: "We agree with Iran's revolutionary trend which is still clean. It has not sought sectarian seditions or contacted America or Israel."

Khaddafi criticised unnamed Arab states he accused of blocking the agreement regarding the agreement which should be endorsed and respected by both sides.

United States and Britain were seeking a UN probe of Iraq's alleged use of poison gas to give the charges "an international imprimatur."

The charges have been backed by the Soviet Union and 11 other countries but Turkey has said it has found no evidence of the use of chemical weapons against the Kurds, many of whom have fled across the Turkish border.

Iraq has formally opposed a UN probe and after a meeting with Shultz earlier this month, Iraq's deputy foreign minister denied his government used chemical weapons.

Asked about the US push for a UN probe, Redman said: "At this point, given what has happened at the United Nations, I'm not prepared to say that that's going to come about."

ing attacks by Palestinians on Israel, and of trying to negotiate on their behalf during their 10 months of revolt against Israeli rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

"The Palestinians, the heroes of the uprising, cannot expect anything from those states and they themselves will determine their fate," he said.

Khaddafi branded as a liar that British church envoy Terry Waite and said he deserved his fate in Lebanon, where he went missing and believed kidnapped last year.

Promised
He said Waite met him and arranged a telephone call with Pope John Paul in a bid to free British prisoners in Iran.

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US accepts Iraq's statement on poison gas
WASHINGTON, Sept 21, (Reuters): The United States said yesterday it accepted a new declaration by Iraq's foreign minister to mean that Baghdad would no longer use chemical weapons.

"We take this statement to mean that Iraq forswears the use of chemical weapons in internal as well as international conflicts," State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters.

He also said Washington continued to believe that a UN investigation of alleged Iraqi poison gas use against Kurdish separatists would be a good idea but expressed doubt it would take place.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, in a statement reported on Saturday by the Iraq News

Agency, "reaffirmed that Iraq respects and abides by all the provisions of international law and international agreements accepted by the international community, including the Geneva Protocol of 1925" on chemical weapons.

Secretary of State George Shultz said last week the United States was confident it had conclusive evidence of Iraqi use of chemical weapons against dissident Kurds.

Redman said the United States welcomed the announcement and viewed it as a positive step.

Probe
"We will be watching closely to see that this commitment is carried out," he added.

Redman said yesterday this view had not changed.

Shultz also told Congress the

SEOUL, Sept 21, (AP): Medals table after the fifth day of the Olympics (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze):

Soviet Union	7	3	8
East Germany	4	4	3
Bulgaria	4	3	2
United States	3	3	3
China	1	3	4
West Germany	1	2	3
South Korea	1	2	2
Poland	1	2	1
Italy	2	0	1
Yugoslavia	2	0	1
Romania	1	2	0
Hungary	1	1	1
Japan	0	2	1
Sweden	0	2	1
Australia	1	1	0
Czechoslovakia	1	1	0
Britain	1	0	1
France	0	0	1
Norway	1	0	0
Suriname	1	0	0
Turkey	1	0	0
Costa Rica	0	1	0
Finland	0	1	0
Belgium	0	0	1

Congressmen urge UN to probe killings in Iran

WASHINGTON, Sept 21, (Reuters): One hundred US congressmen yesterday urged the United Nations to probe and publicise what they call a recent mass increase in political killings in Iran.

In a letter to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, the lawmakers refer to a "dramatic increase in mass executions," and quote rebels opposed to Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini as accusing the regime of murdering or arresting thousands of people.

"We urge you to do everything possible to halt the continuing arrests and executions, to send a mission to Iranian prisons and torture chambers to investigate these reports of flagrant violations of human rights," the congressmen said.

INTERNATIONAL

Moscow declares emergency in Nagorno-Karabakh

MOSCOW, Sept 21, (Reuters): Soviet authorities declared a state of emergency in the Transcaucasian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh today, following renewed violence between Armenians and Azerbaijanis in the disputed territory.

The official news agency Tass said Kremlin envoy Andrei Volsky announced the new measures in a television and radio address.

Volsky was charged in July with the task of restoring order to the southern Soviet Republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan after five months of ethnic unrest.

Measures

"With regard to the complex situation, a state of emergency has been declared in Stepanakert and Agdam region and a curfew imposed," Tass said. "All necessary measures are being taken to ensure calm and guarantee the safety of the population."

Stepanakert is the regional capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, which is part of the Republic of Azerbaijan but is predominantly populated by Armenians.

Agdam, also in Azerbaijan,

Comedian Roy Kinnear dies

LONDON, Sept 21, (Reuters): Actor Roy Kinnear, whose muddled manner kept him in the first rank of British comedy since the early 1960s, has died after a riding accident in Spain. He was 54.

A spokesman for his wife said he was thrown from a horse near Madrid on Monday while filming The Last Return of the Four Musketeers with co-star Michael York and Oliver Reed.

York rushed him to hospital but he died 24 hours later from head injuries.

Kinnear was in the vanguard of British television political satire in the early 1960s, lampooning establishment figures in a controversial series called That Was the Week That Was.

The programme spawned a tradition that led to such successes as Monty Python's Flying Circus.

Fat and balding, Kinnear became a familiar figure on screen and stage after his original television success.

In 1967 he joined the Royal Shakespeare Company, but he was better known for his appearances in West End Revues and films such as The Knack.

43rd UN General Assembly convened in a mood of conciliation
Argentina elected as President

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 21, (AP): The 43rd General Assembly convened yesterday in a mood of conciliation over many issues, and after a political tug-of-war delegates elected Dante Caputo, the Foreign Minister of Argentina, as President.

Delegates from 159 nations assembled for the opening ceremony of the three-month session to discuss issues ranging from apartheid to outer space, from Antarctica to Central America, from disarmament to human rights.

Ability

Outgoing President Peter Florin, deputy Foreign Minister of East Germany, said in his final address that the session will benefit from improved Soviet-US cooperation, and a shift from confrontation toward co-operation.

"The new appreciation of the United Nations, the recovered trust in its ability to act successfully, obliges us to make further efforts to improve the international situation," he said.

For the second straight year, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was not present at the opening. He left for a trip to South Africa — his first in five years — for talks on a regional peace settlement. Last year he was holding talks on ending the Iran-Iraq war.

The General Assembly elected Caputo, 47, as its President in a close race with Barbados' ambassador, Dame Nita Barrow, 71, for the ceremonial but prestigious post of President.

Florin announced that Caputo, an ex-professor, had received 91 votes to Dame Nita's 66 votes of 158 ballots cast. There was one abstention. A simple majority, 79 votes, was required in the secret balloting. South Africa was barred from voting.

Dispute

Diplomats had said the race too close to call between Caputo, a career diplomat courting the developing world, and Barrow, a UN ambassador since 1986.

There were no public nominations but the President this year was to be drawn from a Caribbean or a Latin American country.

The dispute between the two nations made it impossible to put forward a consensus candidate.

Sources said Argentina had been courting African countries and the Non-Aligned Movement to which it belongs. Britain, which fought and won the Falklands-Malvinas war against Argentina in 1982, was said to be backing Barbados. That Caribbean island also was said to have the support of its neighbours and of many Commonwealth nations.

The General Assembly, dominated by the developing world, has sided with Argentina every year since the Falklands war and has called for negotiations to resolve the dispute over Falklands sovereignty.

Gemayel and Assad try to break deadlock

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candidates backed by Syria, Suleiman Frangieh and Mikhail Daher, were also due to arrive.

Diplomats in Damascus said the success of the presidential election due to be held by the Lebanese Parliament on Thursday hinged on the meeting between Gemayel and his Muslim rivals.

Syria, after consultations with the United States, backed Daher for the election but Christian leaders have said his pro-Syrian stance is unacceptable.

Christian deputies prevented the election last month of the other candidate, Frangieh, by boycotting the electoral session.

Christian sources in Beirut said that in his talks with Al Assad, Gemayel would discuss the nomination of a candidate other than Daher.

They said the headline Christian Lebanese Forces militia was counting on Gemayel returning with a new name, and militia officials were in touch over the issue with Aoun.

Suspect in Modi murder case released on bail

NEW DELHI, Sept 21, (AP): Sanjay Singh, a political opponent of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, was released on bail today after 18 days in custody on suspicion of conspiring to murder India's national badminton champion, the United Nations of India reported.

The bail was ordered by a judge in the city of Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh state, 410 kilometres (250 miles) south-east of New Delhi.

Singh, 32, was arrested on Sept 3 for alleged conspiracy in the murder of Syed Modi, India's national badminton champion. Investigating agencies said Singh was having an affair with Modi's wife, Ameeta.

Charges

Modi, 28, was shot on July 28 as he stepped out of a Lucknow sports stadium where he had gone for his customary evening practice. Four people, including a close associate of Singh, have been arrested on suspicion of having committed the murder.

Ameeta Modi was arrested on Aug 26, also on charges of conspiracy, but was released on bail after 10 days in custody.

UNI quoted Judge A.B. Srivastava as saying that letters and diaries seized by investigating agencies showed what he called a "complicated" relationship between Singh, Ameeta and Syed Modi, but did not prove a murder conspiracy.

Witnesses reported a fire around the old Parliament building today, where troops deployed to ensure security for the poll.

Referring to the venue dispute, Christian sources said that if the election was held in the old Parliament building, most of the 41 Christians among the 76 surviving deputies would not attend.

Shultz hopes for gains in talks with Shevardnadze

WASHINGTON, Sept 21, (Reuters): Secretary of State George Shultz hopes for modest gains on arms control and human rights in what may be his last round of talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze starting tomorrow.

The Reagan administration may be nearing its close but Assistant Secretary of State Rozanne Ridgway told reporters the Soviet Union appeared to be proceeding as normal in its relations with the United States.

Shevardnadze, expected in Washington later today, has scheduled talks with Shultz tomorrow and on Friday before going to New York to attend the UN General Assembly session which opened yesterday.

Agreed

Ridgway said Vice-President George Bush, Republican candidate in the November presidential election, had asked Shevardnadze for a separate meeting and the Soviet minister agreed.

Bush has in the past attended meetings with Shevardnadze with other US officials, but it was believed to be the first time they would meet privately.

Bush spokesman Steve Hart said the Vice-President had a tight schedule and wanted to make sure he saw Shevardnadze, adding: "It's an opportunity he didn't want to miss."

In accordance with standard procedure, Shevardnadze will also meet Reagan at the White House.

Urgency

In past meetings, Shultz and Shevardnadze have thrashed out the intermediate-range nuclear forces treaty, which took effect this year, and have tried to remove obstacles to a proposed accord to halve long-range strategic nuclear weapons, which both sides agree cannot be completed before Reagan leaves office.

As a result, this week's talks — the 28th meeting between the two men — lack the urgency of earlier encounters.

Ridgway said Shultz hoped to make progress on protocols that could lead to ratification of two nuclear testing treaties, as well as moving the strategic arms talks along and making headway towards a mandate for conventional arms talks.

She said Shultz and Shevardnadze might discuss a proposal by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to convert into an international space centre a Soviet radar station which has been at the centre of a long-standing dispute with the United States.

Washington says the base, at Krasnoyarsk in southern Siberia, violates the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty barring the superpowers from deploying nationwide defences against strategic missiles or bases for such systems.

Ridgway said there had been positive developments in talks in Vienna, where Western and communist countries are negotiating an agreement on human rights and security co-operation.

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Dispute over Shatt Al ...

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The talks are scheduled to start again in New York in the first week of October.

"Iran wants the border river to be dredged," IRNA quoted Rafsanjani as saying. "The quicker the river is cleared the greater benefit for both Iran and Iraq."

He said the 1975 agreement that set the border in the middle of the waterway should determine how the waterway is cleared, he said.

Iraq has declared the 1975 treaty void.

"We will in no way allow the 1975 accord to be undermined even at the expense of the resumption of the war," Rafsanjani was quoted as saying by IRNA, monitored in Nicosia.

Rafsanjani said Iraqi plans to divert the course of the Shatt Al Arab is ridiculous.

Bank's female employees

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only languages which can be spoken at work. Employees were also told not to talk in their mother-tongue (other than Arabic and English) during working hours. This report, however, could not be confirmed.

INTERNATIONAL

Saw Maung named Premier

Army searches Rangoon houses

BANGKOK, Sept. 21, (Reuters). The Burmese Army searched house by house for weapons in Rangoon's main business district today, and throughout the city the sounds of battle could still be heard.

People reached by telephone in the embattled capital were reluctant to talk. They feared their phones were being monitored by the Army, which seized power on Sunday and has since tried to impose its will on a rebellious populace.

The Army says 120 have been killed. Western diplomats say over 500 have died, almost all of them unarmed demonstrators for democracy.

The house-to-house search began after a group of students in a car opened fire with a sub-machine gun on soldiers guarding the City Hall, a Western diplomat whose embassy is nearby said.

Unknown attackers last night fired rockets at the City Hall. Students have been attacking police stations to try to get guns and in some cases have been suc-

cessful, official Radio Rangoon has reported.

Western diplomats reported hearing gunfire in the city today but were not sure which neighbourhoods it was coming from.

Only the vaguest of reports have reached the central area of the city from Rangoon University several miles to the northwest, where heavy gunfire has been heard. The university has been a centre of revolt for months.

Diplomats said they had heard reliable reports that citizens and soldiers had reached an impasse in the south Okkalapa district to the northeast, a scene of brutal clashes in early August when the Army last tried to suppress revolt through force of arms.

The people had dug ditches to prevent soldiers from entering their area, they said.

The rough justice of decapitation has been applied to suspected criminals and government agents for weeks in Rangoon. Some soldiers and police have been killed by citizens taking revenge or seeking arms to

defend themselves. Attackers included monks in few cases.

"It's building up to clash there," one diplomat said.

In nearby Yankin yesterday, monks warned soldiers that they would be slaughtered if they opened fire in the district.

The streets of the central district were filled with heavy gunfire through the night. A diplomat said soldiers used automatic weapons and recoilless rifles in response to an attack by students.

Students have been arming themselves with stones, spears, Molotov cocktails, slingshots, catapults and darts made by sharpening bicycle spokes.

The US embassy said it was making plans to evacuate staff members. Most of the wives and children of diplomats have already been moved out of Rangoon.

An evacuation flight had been expected from Bangladesh, but officials in Dhaka said today they had been unable to get landing permission, and prospects of getting a plane to the closed Ran-

goon airport appeared dim.

A diplomat said it might be significant that the leading item on Radio Rangoon's English-language news broadcast last night was a plea from a prominent Buddhist group calling for talks to improve the situation in Burma.

This preceded even the formal naming of an Army cabinet to administer government departments.

The country's military rulers named a nine-member cabinet yesterday, eight of whom are generals, drawn from the 19-member state committee for establishment of law and order set up by coup leader and Army chief General Saw Maung.

Saw Maung today became the Prime Minister. He also holds the Defence and Foreign Ministry portfolios.

The US government has told Burmese leaders formally that they should meet with opposition leaders to end unrest and bring peace to the country, State Department spokesman Charles Redman said yesterday.

PLO discussing political options with Arab governments

CAIRO, Sept. 21, (AP). Yasser Arafat said today PLO leaders are still discussing with Arab allies political options for the organisation's future.

Speaking to reporters after his arrival at Cairo International Airport, the PLO chairman denied a news report that proposals to create a provisional Palestinian government have been shelved.

"Discussions are still going on within the Palestinian leadership and the Arab countries to choose the options for a Palestinian government," which will be presented to the "Palestine National Council (PNC)" in its meeting "next month," Arafat said.

He said the news agency report from PLO headquarters in the

Tunisian capital Tunis was "absolutely not true."

"We are at the threshold of a new chapter of struggle and an important political stage, during which new shapes for the Palestinian cause will be decided upon," Arafat told reporters.

He said Algerian President Chadli Benjedid had agreed to convene the PNC, the PLO's Parliament-in-exile, in Algeria "next month" but gave no exact date.

"The Palestinian leadership has decided to discuss with Arab leaders and friends in the world the options in front of us, which the Palestinian leadership cannot decide upon alone," Arafat said.

Arafat applauded comments made by US Secretary of State

George Shultz last week asserting that the Palestinians have a right to participate actively in every stage of Middle East peace negotiations and "must approve the outcome."

Shultz also called on Israel to give Palestinian Arabs "rapid control over their political and economic decisions that affect their lives."

Asked about his visit to Libya, Arafat said he discussed with Libyan leaders "the Palestinian situation generally and the situation in the Middle East."

Arafat said Egypt and the PLO believe Europe can play an important role in achieving just peace in the Middle East, "taking into consideration the rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination."

Rocket attack on Kabul kills 62

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 21, (Agencies). Radio Kabul reported that at least 62 people were killed when Afghan rebels yesterday fired rockets into the communist-controlled capital.

The official radio, monitored in Islamabad, said earlier in its newscast that 10 people were killed late in the afternoon when six surface rockets "launched by extremist opposition elements" slammed into various parts of the capital.

It was not immediately clear whether the 10 were included in the 62 or if they were in addition to those casualties.

Since the signing of the (April 14) Geneva accord (providing for a nine-month Soviet troop withdrawal from May 15) till now, Kabul city and its suburbs were hit by criminals' rockets 15

times and the 16th rocket attack took place tonight," said the radio in its evening Pushto- and Dari-language broadcasts yesterday.

As a result of the attack, 62 people were killed, including women and children, were killed and 104 were wounded," it said, but gave few other details.

Afghan guerrillas last week overran a provincial capital near the Pakistan border, Western diplomats said.

One diplomat reported the mujahedeen rebels, who are backed by the United States, China and Iran, last week overran the town of Sharan, provincial capital of eastern Pakistia province. He said nearby Zargun Shahr had also fallen, leaving only one major town, Urgun, still under government control in

the province.

The guerrillas have now seized five provincial capitals since the start of Soviet troop withdrawal. But they have so far only successfully defended one of these, Helmand in northern Takhar, for more than a week.

The Soviet Union and Afghanistan yesterday signed agreements committing Moscow to supply aid to Kabul until the year 2000, Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Sharq said in Moscow.

Sharq, who signed the documents after meeting Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, told a news conference the accords "constitute proof that our Soviet friends are broadening their economic co-operation in new political conditions."

Somalia ignores plea to end torture: Amnesty

LONDON, Sept. 21, (Reuters). Amnesty International said today thousands in Somalia are being persecuted and the government has ignored persistent calls to halt torture and execution of its opponents.

A report by the London-based human rights organisation said thousands of Somalis are being systematically tortured, jailed without trial and executed by security forces for suspected opposition to the country's military government.

It said many of those arrested — some as young as 12 years old — were jailed for criticising the government.

Amnesty said it had been receiving reports of torture in Somalia since the present government came to power in a 1969 coup but the reports had increased since 1980.

"The human rights violations documented in this report have often been brought to the attention of the Somali government. Amnesty International has repeatedly called on it to end these grave violations... but the appeals have largely gone unanswered," the report said.

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Best hotel in the world

NEW YORK, Sept. 21, (AP). For the eighth year running, Bangkok's Oriental Hotel has been rated the best hotel in the world in a survey conducted by Institutional Investor magazine of New York.

It was followed by the Regent of Hong Kong, the Vier Jahreszeiten of Hamburg and the Mandarin Oriental of Hong Kong, which took second, third and fourth places, as they did in 1987.

The financial monthly magazine polls about 100 senior bankers from around the world

who do a lot of travelling and asks them to rate their favourite hotels on a scale of one to 100.

The Connaught of London moved up to fifth place from eighth last year, the Shangri La of Singapore advanced from ninth to sixth, and the Okura of Tokyo moved down from sixth to seventh place.

The Ritz of Paris was demoted to eighth place from fifth last year, the Bristol of Paris, unrated in 1987, took ninth place this year, and the Peninsula of Hong Kong once again held 10th place.

Hirohito shows signs of improvement

TOKYO, Sept. 21, (Reuters). Japan's Imperial Household Agency has asked the government to formally relieve the ailing Emperor Hirohito of his official duties and transfer them to his son, Crown Prince Akihito, officials said today.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Keizo Obuchi told reporters that the cabinet would consider giving

Prince Akihito the powers of regent during a meeting tomorrow.

The emperor's duties were transferred to Akihito in September last year after Hirohito underwent major intestinal surgery, but were returned in January after he recovered.

The emperor, who at 87 is the world's longest-reigning mon-

arch, has been bed-ridden since he vomited blood on Monday evening.

He has received three blood transfusions since, but his physician told reporters today that his condition had stabilised and was "heading in a better direction."

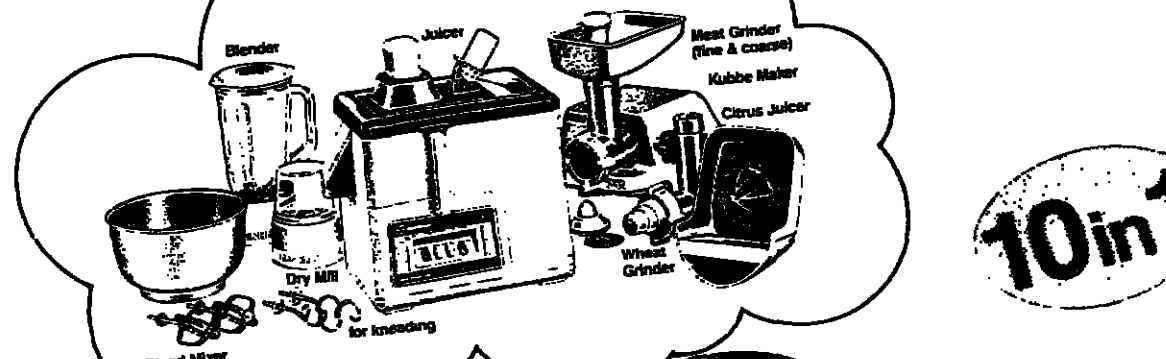
"We feel relieved," said physician Akira Takagi.

Takagi said the bleeding was caused by a ruptured blood vessel in the upper part of the digestive tract.

He added: "Although (the emperor) is no longer vomiting blood, I am not sure the bleeding has stopped completely."

He said the emperor was showing signs of jaundice and anaemia.

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Amir in Paris today for Mitterrand talks

PARIS, Sept 21, (KUNA): HH the Amir of Kuwait, will arrive here tomorrow on a 24-hour working visit and talks with President Francois Mitterrand. Meanwhile, in Kuwait, the French Charge d'Affaires to Kuwait Jean Pierre Jaltiere yesterday hailed the Amir's trip to France.

Important

In a statement published yesterday in a local daily, the French diplomat said the Amir's visit was at the invitation of Mitterrand. The invitation was conveyed by the French defence minister during his recent visit to Kuwait. HH will confer in Paris with Mitterrand on developments in the Gulf in light of the ceasefire

between Iraq and Iran and other Middle East issues.

An official French spokesman in Paris on Tuesday described the Kuwaiti-French summit talks as important due to the deep friendly relations between the two countries and because the Amir is chairman of the current session of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that HH and the accompanying delegation will be received at Orly airport by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Roland Dumas.

He added that HH will leave the airport immediately to go to the Elysee Palace where Mitterrand will host a working luncheon in his honour. In the evening, HH will be the

host of honour at a dinner banquet to be given by the Ambassador of Kuwait Dr Tareq Razouqi. The official delegation accompanying HH and members of the Kuwaiti community in France were invited to the dinner.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said Prime Minister Michel Rocard will visit the Amir in the Marigny Palace on Friday before he leaves for New York.

In addition to Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, HH the Amir is accompanied by Kuwait Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, and the advisers at the Amir's Diwan, Abdul Rahman Al Ateeqi and Mohammad Sulaiman Sayed Ali.



HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, second from right, presides over the Higher Planning Council meeting yesterday.

New telephone customers may get faster service

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S Ministry of Communications has introduced a new system to streamline bureaucratic procedures and enable new customers to have their telephones installed in less than five days.

The system introduced at the Salmiya Post Office is currently in an experimental stage, according to the ministry's Director of Marketing and Services Fadhil Abou Al Hasan. If it proves successful it will be applied throughout the country, he said.

The system has considerably cut down on time and formalities required by the applicants. Instead of visiting different offices, filling in long forms and waiting for days to have their documents processed, the applicants can

now complete all the formalities in half an hour.

They now fill in a short form, pay the subscription fee and get a telephone number at different counters in one hall.

Telephones are installed usually within three days, and not later than five days from the day of applying, said Al Hasan.

The new system would considerably reduce queues, many of which are formed by applicants who make repeated visits to the post offices to inquire about delays in installation of telephones.

Those who wish to change their telephone number or apply for the international call facility will also benefit from the new system.

Al Hasan said the new system was largely facilitated by the computerisation of telephone cable records which means that

the applicant can be immediately given a telephone number if there are lines in the area where he lives.

Applications are also stored in a computer, allowing clerks to process the information faster and without the applicant's presence.

The office dealing with applications is manned by 30 clerks, mainly Kuwaitis, who underwent a two-week course and on-the-job training.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Communications is tendering for 90 magnetic card telephone sets following a successful trial period which proved the service was popular.

Magnetic cards used for international telephone calls were first introduced last year as an experiment. There are now 15 magnetic card telephone sets in Kuwait.

Crown Prince presides over HPC meeting

HH the Crown Prince and Premier and chairman of the Higher Planning Council (HPC) Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday presided over the first meeting of the second session of the council.

HPC Secretary-General Fuad Molah Hussein told KUNA that Sheikh Saad encouraged HPC members to solve some of the country's economic, social, housing and population problems.

Furthermore, HH underlined the government's co-operation with the council in the interest of Kuwait.

Hussein added that HH pointed out to Kuwait's role in the Arab and international arenas and the special developments between Iraq and Iran. He said he hopes the current peace talks are successful.

After the speech, the council discussed a report by the secretary-general on following

up implementation of previous HPC decisions. Hussein discussed the HPC annual report of the first session.

Hussein indicated that the council decided to keep all members on permanent HPC committees except for the social services committee, which has two new members, Jassem Al Nasef and Saad Mohammad Al Saad.

The bi-annual report of the third year submitted by the Ministry of Planning, was reviewed and referred to the public policies committee.

The Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa's report on latest developments in the oil prices and production quotas of OPEC member countries was also discussed. A study by the Planning Ministry on Kuwait's future development strategy was also examined and referred to the public policies committee.

Hussein concluded that the next HPC meeting will be on Oct 19.

Amir's UN speech will reflect views of Muslims

HH the Amir, chairman of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference, will deliver a historic address before the UN assembly on Wednesday.

The speech will relay the views of at least one-fifth of the world population on global issues. Arab and world leaders lauded the Amir's statesmanship at the international level, and his insistence on a role for the Islamic world and its organisation in defusing global tensions and conflicts.

The Amir has also called for restoring world peace to clear the way for focusing on world economic problems, particularly the wide gap between developed and underdeveloped countries. The optimal investment of resources, upgrading of development plans to end famine and confront recurring natural disasters are also prime concerns.

After he was elected chairman of the Fifth Islamic Summit in Kuwait in January 1987, HH the Amir defined the OIC role at the international level.

"The most prominent aspect of this role is to persist in supporting the human unity principle and bringing up new generations characterised by neither superiority nor submission."

HH also called on the superpowers to agree on a formula that guarantees their security, but not at the expense of other states. This would divert heavy armament costs to more fruitful human plans, he pointed out.

Kuwait, represented by HH the Amir, adopted a unique procedure for ensuring the Islamic world's participation in solving world issues. The Amir urged the bureau of the 5th Islamic Summit Conference and heads of standing committees to meet in Kuwait to "bolster ties, intensify consultations on comprehensive Islamic issues, reactivate and co-ordinate the tasks of bodies entrusted with the follow-up of summit resolutions."

The bureau of the 5th Islamic Conference and the standing

committees discussed Palestine and the popular uprising, the Gulf war, Afghanistan, preserving the sanctity of the holy Muslim shrines as well as the safety of Muslim pilgrims.

Deliberations also focused on the West African coast, Namibia, racial discrimination and world terrorism.

HH was keen to relay the views of Islamic states to world leaders and international organisations.

On Aug 26, 1987 — "Namibia Day" — Kuwait's permanent representative to the UN, Mohammed Abulhasan read a message on behalf of HH the Amir and chairman of the OIC before the UN Council.

In the message HH hailed the people of Namibia and the SWAPO organisation leading its struggle. He also called for granting Namibians the right to their territories and assisting them to achieve independence.

On the UN Day on Oct 24, 1987, HH the Amir voiced full support to the international organisation. He urged the UN to adhere to its noble principles embodied in its charter.

HH said he hoped that the world organisation would remain "a living symbol for rights, freedom, security and peace the world over, thus securing a better world ruled by reason and logic, where everyone would enjoy progress and welfare under the predominance of law and justice."

HH the Amir's letters to US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev on the eve of their Moscow summit on May 29, 1988, reminded both leaders of their responsibilities and of the hopes attached to their meeting.

The OIC chairman stressed that there is no longer a dividing line between regional and world issues.

No regional issue was far from superpower interference, and no international or regional meeting is void of issues of concern to humanity at large, he pointed

out. HH underlined the need for superpower recognition of the right of self-determination and secure existence on their territories away from any aggression or interference in their internal affairs.

He stressed the need for eliminating the dualty exemplified in an advanced rich world in the north and a backward poor world in the south.

The Gulf war, the Afghan problem and disarmament issues witnessed remarkable progress towards a solution. They were the centre of concern to the OIC.

The support for the ongoing popular Palestinian uprising within Arab, Islamic and international arenas, conform with OIC's earlier support to the Palestinian problem.

The OIC stances on other problems still endangering world peace and security were based on the human principles and values championed by the UN.

These include renouncing all forms of colonisation, slavery and racial discrimination, and supporting the right of people to independence and self-determination as well as halting the arms race, eliminating nuclear weapons, liquidating hotbeds of conflict and ending disparity in trade and economic ties between developed and developing countries.

The OIC has also voiced support for the UN role, respected its resolutions and adhered to its principles.

The chairman of the Fifth Islamic Summit will convey the views of Islamic states to the world at large from the UN forum. The UN is regaining confidence and trust after its successful mediation in the Gulf war, Afghanistan, Angola and other areas. This bolsters the call for human unity, and enhances the aspirations for a better world, as said by HH in his address before the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference, rightly identified as the Islamic Solidarity Summit.

Israeli satellite threatens Arabs, says Kuwait

MANAMA, Sept 21, (Agencies): Kuwait accused Israel today of exerting psychological pressure on Arabs with the launch of the Jewish state's first satellite, and called on friendly nations to gather their resources to match the Israeli feat.

"The launch of an Israeli satellite is part of a campaign of psychological pressure against Arabs to make them accept world Zionist demands," stated Kuwait Radio said in a commentary.

Libya echoed the Kuwaiti accusation, accusing Israel of launching a "spy satellite" with which to threaten Arab states.

The radio said that whether the launch of the Horizon-1 test satellite was part of a psychological, or military campaign, "duty requires us to face these developments with concern."

In views echoed by many newspaper editorials around the Middle East, the radio said Arabs should be prepared to achieve technological equilibrium with Israel.

In Kuwait, Abdul Qader Duairi, director of the Pan-Arab Satellite Organisation known as ARABSAT was quoted today as belittling the importance of Israeli satellite that has caused a furore in the Arab world.

"The satellite has been apparently launched for spying purposes," Duairi told a Kuwaiti newspaper in an interview from the Algiers headquarters of ARABSAT. "However, our preliminary information indicates the Israeli satellite is an experimental one and has a life span of one month."

He added: "The durable satellite will be launched within

one to three years."

He said that the launching of the Israeli satellite was a surprise, but that his organisation was collecting relevant data to be able to track it.

"International law obliges each state intending to launch a satellite to consult the Geneva-based International Telecommunications Union, but in case of the experimental satellites, the law apparently does not commit the involved party to consult the union," he said.

Therefore, "the launching of the Israeli satellite caught us by surprise ... the launching of the Israeli satellite without prior notice has caught the entire world with surprise."

He said ARABSAT, which was following up Israeli plans to launch the civilian satellite, had recently come to know that it was "designed for spying purposes."

Stressing that ARABSAT was in the process of collecting more information about the Israeli satellite, he said: "We can interfere with any satellite through the Arab satellite, but we have first to know its orbit and frequencies."

Israel's launching of the satellite led to an uproar on Tuesday when Syria warned the craft will be used for military purposes and will threaten the entire world.



A member of the Arab Times staff explains the workings of the newspaper's printing press to staff members from the Meridien Hotel who visited the newspaper's offices yesterday.

Kuwaiti UN ambassador elected committee chairman

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 21, (KUNA): Undersecretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs Joseph Verner Reed of the United States announced yesterday that Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohammad A. Abulhasan will be elected chairman of the assembly's Social Committee representing Asian countries.

Reed made the announcement at the regular noon briefing of UN correspondents. The General Assembly later elected Abulhasan by acclamation, following the election of Argentine Foreign Minister Dante Caputo as the assembly's president.

It is the first time Kuwait will head one of the assembly's seven main committees. The 43rd assembly officially opened yesterday afternoon.

As it is Asia's turn to chair the committee this year, Abulhasan was nominated to lead the year earlier this year by Panama, which held the position during the past year in the name of the Latin American region. The Asian group later endorsed the nomination.

The Social Committee deals

with social, humanitarian and cultural issues, including human rights, crime prevention, elimination of discrimination against women, the international campaign against drugs, and refugees.

In the area of human rights, the issues relate to Afghanistan, Iran, El Salvador and Chile.

The 159-member assembly distributes most agenda topics among these committees, on

which every member state has a right to be represented.

The main task for the committees is to discuss international questions, co-ordinate the actions of states and make recommendations in the form of draft resolutions.

These proposals are then submitted to the assembly's plenary.

Abulhasan and the new chairman of the other six committees were to meet today in the general committee to discuss their work.

ISP dispute over election settled

THE dispute over the election of board of governors between the Pakistan embassy and the sponsor of the International School of Pakistan (ISP) has been settled through the efforts of the Ministry of Education.

Abdullah Rashid Al Hufaiti, the sponsor of the school told the Arab Times that in the interest of the school and the students he has decided to meet Pakistani Ambassador Zahid Said, who is also the chairman of the board, to settle other issues.

Meanwhile, a press release issued today by the chairman of the board declared all four candidates contesting for the seats reserved for parents' representative duly elected.

A press release issued by Said, in his capacity as the chairman of the board, said: "Since the sponsor has failed to nominate his two candidates for the board, and in accordance with the constitution all four candidates are declared elected." He also announced his two nominees and said that the board is now fully constituted and will run the affairs of the school. The press release further said that the chairman is still willing to consider the inclusion of nominees of the sponsor with the approval of the new board of governors.

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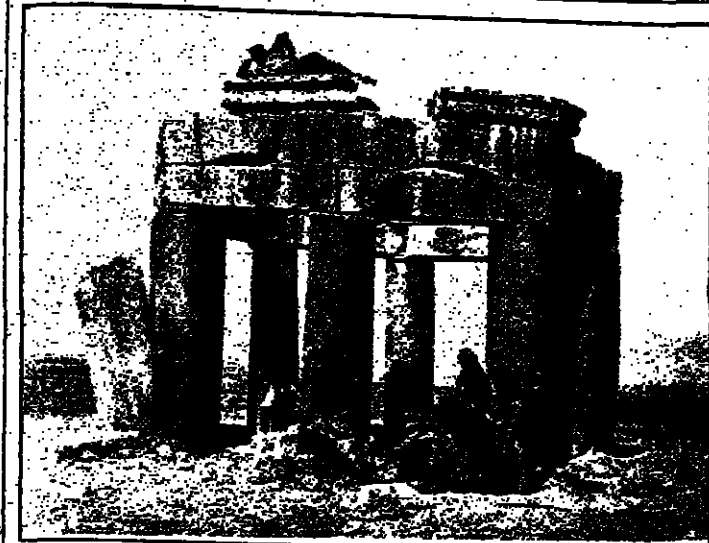


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EVENTS



A sample from the 'Under Pure Skies' display.

'Under Pure Skies'

KUWAIT'S Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah will open an exhibition of 19th century photographs of the Middle East on Saturday, Sept 24, at the Kuwait National Museum.

Entitled "Under Pure Skies", it will display a collection of Middle Eastern photographs taken by amateurs and hobbyists during the 19th century.

The photographs have been loaned to the Kuwait National

Museum by the International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House in Rochester, New York. The American museum is said to be the major research facility for the study of photography. Its Middle East collection has been a primary source of study for photographers, historians, theologians and other students of the region.

The exhibition will be open to public from Sunday, Sept 25, during museum opening hours.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0805 Spirit of Islam
0820 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Pop International
0930 Your Kind of Music
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 The Hit Makers
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Understanding the Holy Quran
2215 Sounds of the Eighties
2245 Daily Programme
2300 The Way You Like It
2330 Star Tracks

0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Music Across the World
0915 Songs and Music
0930 Kiddy Corner
1000 Songs and Music
1030 Singers and their Songs
1100 Closedown

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 The Friday Request
2400 Closedown

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1100 Country and Western
1200 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News on FM
1400 Alam Al Nagham: Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Arabic Songs and Music
1800 Party Music
1900 Scene and Heard
2000 Party Music
2130 News
2145 Party Music
0200 Closedown

FRIDAY
0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
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1100 Country and Western
1200 Songs and Music
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0200 Closedown

BBC World Services

0600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newswest
30 Fallen Arches
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Waveguide
40 Book Choice
45 Society Today
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Churchill the Historian (ex 22nd and 29th Legacy of the Sixties)
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Cross and the Crescent (ex 29th Every Poem an Epitaph)
0400 Newsdesk
30 Sportsweek (ex 1st and 8th Classical Record Review)
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - THU: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - THU: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

EDUCATION

Books & Software show
SEPT 24-28: British Council, Mansouriyah, 9 am to 12.30 pm; 5-8 pm: Computers and Application, an exhibition of books and software. Selected titles on show. Organised by British Council in association with Kuwait Bookshops Company. All are welcome.

THEATRE

Alice in Wonderland
SEPT 23: Kuwait English School, Salwa, 10 am: Kuwait Players will audition children - ages eight to 12 - for eight roles in the musical fantasy, Alice in Wonderland. It will be performed in January next year.

SEPT 25/26: KES, Salwa, 7.30 pm: Audition for adults (14 roles) for Alice in Wonderland. Those attending auditions - adults and children - are requested to call 564-0102 in advance.

KLT
SEPT 26, Monday: A special late comers audition for KLT's annual pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk. For details Tel: 3947397.

NATIA
SEPT 29/30: IAC, Funatees, 5.30 National Art Theatre of Indians abroad (NATIA) presents Indian dance festival. Folk and classical dance from different regions in India. Opening on Thursday; closing ceremony on Friday.

Konkani Drama
OCT 7: IAC, Funatees, 4 pm: Konkani drama entitled "Xim Vo Ximter", written and directed by Cajetan De Sanvordem, Marcus Vaz, Xavier Gomes, featuring the Mendes Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

Bengali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm, Mousetrap Theatre: The Mousetrap group, a Bangladeshi

theatre company, presents Ballav Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim - 2627643; Dr Hyder - 5625456; Heron - 4895424.

MUSIC

Indian Ballet
SEPT 22: 7.00 pm, at IAC, Funatees: Narthana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Pramela Suren-dran, will stage a ballet, Pan-chavadi, and a number of Nrithasipat at its annual show, Nrithotsav. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

Ahmedi Music Society
SEPT 24: 7.30 pm, KLT, Ahmedi. Rehearsals commence for the Society's annual concert, scheduled to be held on Dec 11, 12, and 13. Newcomers are welcome. For details Tel: 391-2384; 398-3964; 390-1782.

Country Western Musical
SEPT 27: Gala Night of KLT and ACT's annual Country Western Musical 7.30 pm, at KLT, Ahmedi.

Sept 28 and 29, night shows, 8 pm.

Sept 30: matinee at 5 pm. For bookings call 5727558; 5712033; 5620332.

East meets West
OCT 6: IAC, 6.30 pm: "East meets West", a musical evening, by The Fams with Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western Music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by passes Tel: 2409250; 4743984 or IAC - 3904817.

Beat Show
OCT 14: IAC, Funatees, 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands - City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. Organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Guitar Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton Hotel: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condi. "Hymns of Eternity", one of Condi's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

SOCIAL

Varca Sporting Centre
SEPT 22: SAS Hotel's Tent, 8 pm: Varca Sporting Centre's third annual social evening. Music by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. Highlights: beauty queen contest, ideal couple contest, fancy dress, games and bingo. For reservations and details, contact Maqbool - 4712900, Albert 2410461, or James 5331940.

SEPT 24, SAS Hotel, 10.30 am: Contact Ladies Information Group meeting. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. For details phone 487-4513 or 5388105.

Sound Great Party

SEPT 29: Messilah Beach Hotel, 8 pm: Sounds Great group's "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

Kuwait Welsh Society
OCT 5: 8 pm, Kuwait Welsh Society social evening. For further details Tel. 371-3467.

D'Assisi Association
OCT 7: Holy Family Cathedral, 8 am: D'Assisi Association's 8th annual thanksgiving mass. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin - 574-6754 after 6 pm or Henry - 3291909 (am).

Goan Fiesta 88
OCT 13: Messilah Beach Hotel, Habiba Ballroom: Goan Fiesta 88 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details Tel. 481-3740.

Flask/Kapitu
OCT 22: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 6 pm: Kapiku and Flask will celebrate their seventh anniversary. For details phone Edna - 653-4200; Florence - 243-9451; Jojo - 902-9593.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach
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At the Sheraton
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At Hamra
Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Wednesdays: seafood night; Friday's buffet brunch. Entertainment by the Marcus Band provide live entertainment.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner
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Le Tarboche: Daily lunch and dinner
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Thursdays: Arab world specialties
Fridays: buffet lunch and dinner.

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At the Ramada
Le Mirage Night Club: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Razz Band.

Al Bender Coffee Shop: continental and Arabic buffets
for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Gandou Grill Garden: 7 pm to midnight
a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos

shows on large screen every day.
Fish and Chips Shop: 4 pm to 11 pm.
Take away counter: 4 pm to 11 pm, Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads
SEPT: 22: 3 pm: Kuwait Nomads first practice match this Thursday. All players to meet at Old Ground in Fintas.

Inter-commercial
SEPT 22: 300 Club, 6.30 pm: Men's Division: Far East Rest. vs Kay & Asso. Inc; Ports Public Authority vs Al Qabandi; Magnolia ice cream vs 300 Club.

SEPT 23: 300 Club, 1 pm: Men's Division - Phil Supreme vs Al Qabandi; Al Naqeb & Khatat vs Satellite; Hatid Ligaya vs PPA.

Women's Division: 9 am:
Magnolia vs Far East Rest.; Booda Aviation vs Gad's Kay & Asso.

PBAK Grand Prix
SEPT 23, 300 Club, 5.30 pm: Six game grand prix bowling tournament opens. First Group (24 bowlers) plays from 5.30 to 7.30 pm; second group (24 bowlers) plays from 8 to 10 pm.

SEPT 30: Third group (24 bowlers) will play from 5.30 to 7.30 pm.

Deadline for registration is Sept 21 at 300 Club. For further details phone Sarah Macarimbang - 484-3447.

Kuwait Nomads Rugby
SEPT 25/26: 7.15 pm: Kuwait Nomads rugby players train every Sunday and Tuesday. Meet at the site of the Old Ground in Fintas. New members always made welcome.

For details ring Graham Adams - 484-1296; Andy Hopkins - 564-2599; Steve Hill - 531-8060.

Windsurfing Regatta
OCT 7: MBH Windsurfing Regatta. Open to men, women and teams. Entry forms available from Marine Centre (Tel: 55759960); Qabazard Marine (Tel: 5730442); Sultan Centers and Al Boom Marine (Tel: 4830570). For further details phone 5624111 ext. 751/739.

Softball League
CALLING PLAYERS - men and women - to join Kuwait International Softball League. Contact Steve Diemler - Tel: 531-5246 or Vic Mason Tel: 5728931. Ladies wishing to join the Ladies League call Rita Diemler - Tel: 5315246.

Boy's Own Club
OCT 22/23: Boy's Own Club will hold a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's (PBUH) birthday. Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe d'Souza 4813662.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.20 Hikayat Al Alamiya: Stories from Around the World.
9.45 Ada's Nelli: Opera
10.00 Songs and Music
11.10 Islam wal Insaan: religious programme
11.50 Seerat Nabi Hilal: Arabic play, featuring Aziz Rashid, Ibrahim Abdul Razak, Farouk Attiya, Ahmad Aqel
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.40 Fawazir Munasabat
2.15 Musical Interlude
2.30 Magic Show
3.00 Ahadith Mauduwa: religious talk by Sheikh Salah Abu Ismael
3.35 Heidi: cartoons
4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore
5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly roundup of local events
7.45 Documentary
8.30 Ma's Islam: with Islam
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Al Hulool: Arabic, feature film, starring Adel Imam, Ilham Shahin, Saeed Saleh, Salah Qabel
11.45 Thursday Night Variety Show
12.45 Aghniya Mukhtara: variety show
1.30 News Summary
1.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series
6.30 Sesame Street: scientific, educational and re-creational programme for children.
7.30 Full House: "Joey's Place." An uncle is in-charge of household affairs.
8.00 News in English
8.40 High Mountain Rangers: "Matt's Choice." Jackie and Jessy celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. Matt is told to take up a job in a law firm and leave the mountain. Will he?
9.26 Olympic report.
10.36 Late Night Movie: "The Lion of Africa." A female doctor's experience in the African jungle
12.00 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

2.00 Holy Quran
2.10 Cartoons
2.30 Sports Studio: Olympics coverage
6.00 Foo Fur: cartoons
6.30 Bay City Rollers Show: songs, music and a short story for children
7.00 Walt Disney Film: "Charlie, the Love-some Cougar." Part two of the adventures of a cougar and a hunter
8.00 News in English
8.30 Summer '88
8.40 The Twilight Zone: off-beat stories of unlikely happenings
9.30 227: Sandra, Mary and Lester are embroiled in another light-hearted controversy
10.00 Spectacular World of Guinness Records: David Frost presents the new record tribe with a strange deformity and watches an experiment to walk on water.
10.30 Tour of Duty: "Pushing Too Hard." The American media does not take a sympathetic view of the Vietnam war.
11.30 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

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Al Sahmya
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Starring: Tim Thomson, Helen Hunt

Al Hamra
Mines of Kilimanjaro
Starring: Christopher Connolly

Drive-In
Nahar Al Khauf (Arabic)
Starring: Noora, Mahmood Abdul Aziz, Salah Qabil

Al Firdous
Mahaveera (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra, Dimple, Raj Kumar, Anita Raj

Fahad Open-Air
Mashuka (Hindi)
Starring: Moon Moon Sen

Al Fahad
Joker (Bengali)

Al Jahra
Darb Al Jidda'an (Arabic)

Granada
Robocop

Salaikhah
Kottum Kuravayum (Malayalam)

Al Jeeb
Kabhi Kabhi (Hindi)
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Raakhee

Ahmedi Drive-In
Al Police Al Nisayi (Arabic)

FRIDAY
Al Jahra
The Secret of Success

Granada
Qurbani (Hindi)
Starring: Zeenat Aman, Firoze Khan

Salaikhah
Haunted Honeymoon

Al Jeeb
Kohinoor (Hindi)

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Al Talal Pharmacy
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Al Fida Pharmacy
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Al Burgan Pharmacy
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Jeeb Al Shiyooh
Faiaka Pharmacy
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Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

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Friday Prayer	11.40
Asr	3.07 pm
Maghreb	5.42
Isha	7.00

ANNOUNCEMENT
The Centre for Community Service and Continuing Education has the pleasure to announce that the balance of the tuition fees for the First Semester 1988/89, will be received at the Science Hall, Khalidiah Campus, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the following dates:-
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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

NO mind is thoroughly well organized that is deficient in a sense of humour — Samuel Taylor Coleridge. English poet (1772-1834).

OPINION

The Amir has created history

TODAY begins the trip of HH the Amir to the international arena where people of the world are struggling for their rights and the right to live in peace.

This trip of the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed, adds a new feature to the Kuwaiti diplomacy, planned by Sheikh Jaber himself soon after assuming power.

The world has known Kuwaiti diplomacy as a principled diplomacy despite the dangers and risks faced by this diplomacy and its designer.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed goes to the United Nations carrying with him Islamic thinking and philosophy, and with him go the hearts of one billion Muslims believing in his faith and convictions. Sheikh Jaber is carrying with him the philosophy of the entire Islamic nation — Arabs and non-Arabs.

Thus, he is heading to the UN not only as the Amir of the State of Kuwait, but is making the file of the Islamic nation his file and the talk of the Islamic nation his talk. When Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed carries the file of this nation, its image will certainly be different from the distorted version presented by others who are disturbed by any Islamic revival and would do whatever they can to distort the reputation and image of Islamic thought and the nation.

We, on the Arab and Gulf level will closely follow the trip of this man of principles to the United Nations, and will certainly remember that he is a Muslim, an Arab from the Gulf and the son of Kuwait.

Kuwait will undoubtedly be very proud of this visit and any of its achievements, as we may have to wait for a very long time before this opportunity of heading the OIC is repeated.

The Arab world has known Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed as a man of deeds and logic, and a man of true Arab manners.

The Islamic world has known Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed as a man practising true Islamic principles, who never held back on what he believed to be true and right.

We in Kuwait will be very proud of this trip, especially because Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed is the man undertaking it. Our generation is well aware of the fact that men sometimes create history for their nations. Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed created this for his country, and the Islamic nation may now benefit from one of its sons.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Dukakis has no campaign debts

By Hillary Chura

WASHINGTON, Mass.—Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis has something Walter Mondale lacked when the Minnesota senator ran for president: money.

Neither Dukakis nor the Democratic National Committee (DNC) will enter the November election with substantial campaign debts, as was the case in 1984.

This election cycle, the DNC has successfully raised \$16.8 million the first time since 1974, when Congress imposed a ceiling on how much a presidential candidate can spend per election, that the Democrats have been able to raise that amount.

One of the chief reasons for the Dukakis campaign's successful fund raising is a perception among big donors that Dukakis can win in November.

Eli Broad, the chairman of a Los Angeles-based home-building company, for example, did not contribute much to the Democratic Party when Mondale ran for president in 1984.

"I didn't give to Senator Mondale's campaign because I did not have strong feelings that he could make a difference," Broad says.

Recently, however, Broad forked over \$100,000 to a DNC "nonfederal" account.

"I would not have donated to a losing campaign," he says.

Broad is not alone. In June and July, 17 other groups and individuals donated \$100,000 to various DNC accounts.

Donations

Donations to such "non-federal" accounts — which are administered by state and local party affiliates — do not violate federal law, according to Karen Finucan, a spokeswoman for the Federal Election Commission.

There is a federal limit of \$1,000 on donations by individuals to presidential campaigns and a \$20,000 limit on donations to the party national committees.

People who want to give more than these limits may donate to nonfederal accounts, which are not subject to the limitations of the Federal Election Cam-

aign Act of 1971. Donation ceilings vary from state to state.

A party committee, Ms Finucan explains, may not give money directly for a candidate's campaign purposes, but it may donate up to \$5,000 to a "compliance" fund and purchase up to \$8.3 million worth of so-called co-ordinated expenditures, such as air time, for the candidate.

Richard Scammon, director of the Elections Research Centre, explains the shift by noting, "A lot of people who have the potential for making substantial contributions get enthusiastic when they feel their party's presidential candidate has a chance of winning."

"If they feel he has little chance, they'll give to his campaign, but instead of giving \$10,000 they'll give \$1,000," says Scammon. "They may well put more money into their party's Senate or House campaign."

This influx of funds has freed Dukakis from the chore of post-primary fund-raising.

According to Mike Berman, former "Mondale for President" treasurer, the Dukakis campaign hit its fund-raising ceiling in May. Going into the 1984 Democratic National Convention, the Mondale campaign and the DNC had a cumulative debt of approximately \$9 million.

The Mondale campaign continued to raise money into December to pay off its debt.

Peter Kelly, DNC treasurer in 1980 and its national finance chairman in 1984, says "One reason the Dukakis campaign is doing better (financially) is because of how well Bob Farmer organized fund-raising during the primaries."

Farmer, the Democratic Victory Fund co-ordinator, organized the National Finance Committee, whose members each pledged to raise \$10,000 for the Dukakis primary campaign, and the similar Victory Fund, each of whose members has pledged to raise \$100,000 on behalf of the DNC.

Dukakis has also been helped by substantial financial support — approximately \$3.5 million — from the Greek-American community. The Christian Science Monitor.

Media image and reality

SIR: "A Truly Civilized Way To Fly" runs the bold legend in Gulf Air's summer advertising campaign, a carefully conceived and meticulously presented effort, containing other laudable qualities such as balance, control, brevity and clarity.

Unfortunately the influence exercised by the company over their media image seems to want to virtual non-existence when the glare of publicity fades. It is then, in the dark bowels of the airline that credibility turns to inability, aptitude to ineptitude, efficiency to inefficiency, credible to incredible.

I had sent a brand new, red Samsonite Oyster suitcase, weighing 23 kilos on the day of my departure from Heathrow and, on the assurance that it would arrive two or three days later, I went to the cargo terminal in Kuwait Airport. I was disappointed to learn upon my arrival at 8 am that the computer could not locate my luggage but after a plethora of phone calls by staff members I was directed to customs after paying a KD1,750 handling charge. From there I made my way to the location office where the first in a long line of papers was stamped. A little later my suitcase appeared but to my horror it had been scrawled upon in three places in thick black felt-tipped pen. My suitcase was searched and returned to the warehouse while I was sent back to complete formalities in the customs clearing office. The officer took my papers and disappeared to have my "manifest" drawn up. He returned about 20 minutes later and informed me that it would be a half hour before this procedure would be finalised. One and a half hours later the gentleman returned with a folder of documents which I thought would herald the appearance of my elusive luggage — it didn't.

He spent another 15 minutes performing some crucial esoteric task elsewhere and, smilingly, he told me that I could claim the suitcase, but first I must pay a handling charge of KD7. I laughed incredulously and offered him KD5 which, oddly, he gladly accepted. So, with a few bits of paper, I returned escorted to an office within the warehouse where more stamps were required, and then I had to surrender my civil ID card for no apparent reason.

After going somewhere else and doing something else with somebody else the customs officer handed me my suitcase. To my chagrin I was told that I was not allowed to carry the luggage out the way I had entered and in order to bring my car into the compound I had once again to hand over my ID. We hit upon a compromise: I would drive my car to the main gate and one of the porters would carry the case out to me. I had forgotten the ubiquitous tip — I gave him half a dinar, he looked disgruntled and claimed he usually got at least a dinar but by this stage in the game charity was the last thing on my mind.

I am not by any means new to either Kuwait or the efforts to procure unaccompanied baggage. The first time I did this was seven years ago when the procedure was infinitely simpler, more speedy, cheaper and wholly more efficient. Indeed, the only redeeming feature of the affair was the pleasant and attentive staff who seemed to deal with the adversity of a manifestly absurd system with aplomb and regard for the individual, or does my dissatisfaction tell me that being English, female and able to speak and understand Arabic had some bearing on their attitude towards me. I sincerely hope not.

I concede that the blame for this pitiful situation does not lie totally on the shoulders of the individual airline. Quality control must pervade every aspect of the company's operation for it to gain credibility in the eyes of the passenger. Then nobody can accuse the ad-man's glossiness of being vacuous brag-docio.

Mary A. Dredge, Safat.

Appeal to attest maids' visas

SIR: I request the Indian embassy, Kuwait, to reconsider attestation of maids' visas issued before September. Recently, a young widow from Goa, who was coming to Kuwait on a domestic visa, was stranded in Bombay because the necessary papers could not be sent to her on time as attestation of employment contracts by the embassy had been stopped.

I was told by the Indian embassy officials that attestation was stopped after receiving instructions from India.

All rules are man-made and should be open to ratification. Banning maids from going abroad does not solve the problem of exploitation. Many maids do not have the educational background to find alternate employment and seek work overseas to improve their condition.

Kuwaiti sponsors who have already sent visas for maids cannot get a new visa until the previous one is returned. If a maid has processed the papers and has not completed the work, she will not return the papers.

Moreover, the ban on maids would add to the unemployment problems in India, giving rise to corruption and nepotism.

Caesar Andrade, Safat.

Telephones unattended

SIR: The important telephones for flight information at the Kuwait International Airport (4335599 and 4336699) are not attended and it is just by mere luck that one gets reply from these phones.

On a number of occasions, I tried to get the right time of flights but all in vain. Recently I wanted to check the arrival time of a flight but after failing to get a reply without any information on the arrival of the plane. The flight was delayed by two hours. If I had received the information, I could have gone according to the schedule.

Recently, I had to receive my brother at Terminal Number

One. PIA's flight arrived in Kuwait well before the scheduled time of 9.10 pm (it reached at 8.45 pm). I was very happy but it was much to my regret that my brother needed two hours for immigration and customs clearance.

The reason for this delay was that there was only one immigration officer to register the entries. I was much surprised to know that Kuwait cannot afford to employ more immigration officers while it has provided many other facilities to the general public.

Will the authorities look into the matter and improve the situation for the interest of the public, particularly the poor Asians, who are called Rakhis.

M. Kamal Azhar, president, Pakistan Arts Circle.

Air India? Never again

SIR: On July 7, 1988, I and my family left for Trivandrum via Bombay on an Air India flight.

We had confirmed our reservations on Air India from Kuwait to Bombay and on Indian Airlines from Bombay to Trivandrum after a three-day stop-over in Bombay.

For the second half of the journey we had first-class tickets. As we had heard so much about the inefficiency of Air India earlier we wanted to be very sure about our connections, etc.

Everyone at Air India office in Kuwait and our travel agent assured us that there was no reason to be worried as we had confirmed tickets, issued by Air India itself. They gave us a computer printout of all our connections and told us to show that to the ground staff in case of any problems.

Thus armed and assured, we landed in Bombay. Without wasting any time we went to the Indian Airlines office to reconfirm our seats for the flight to Trivandrum. Our horror story began at that time.

The reservation clerk informed us that they had no record of our onward flight and that no seats were available for two months.

We showed him the computer printout given to us in Kuwait. The man dismissed it laughingly and said "any person with a computer and a printer can produce such a strip of paper."

We saw no point in arguing any further, so we used some strong influence and reached Trivandrum somehow by convincing Air India that they had a moral duty to put us on the plane as they were the ones who sold us the tickets.

However, all this left a bitter taste in our mouths. We have vowed never to travel by Air India again.

Dr Dharendra Verma, Safat.

Very poor refereeing

SIR: I would like to draw the attention of the organising committee of the "Rothmans Gold Cup" football tournament to the injustice done by the referee to the Goa Rangers team in their football match against Boys Own Club, played at the Sour Ground.

During the last minutes of the extra time, one of the forwards of Goa Rangers was knocked down in the BOC penalty area by BOC defenders.

The linesman promptly brought up the flag to show the foul, which should have been a penalty. But the referee chose to ignore the linesman's decision and continued the game. The Goa Rangers players out of good faith refrained from protesting and continued playing in a sporting spirit.

I request Salcette United, organisers of this tournament, to see to it that such mistakes do not go unnoticed and keep up their excellent organising of this tournament for the last many years in a fair manner.

Franco D'Souza, Safat.

Distressed Bangladeshis

SIR: The 50,000 Bangladeshis working in Kuwait were sad when they came to know about the devastating floods in Bangladesh. The floods covered more than three fourths of the



and affected half the population of 110 million.

More than 1,500 people have died and 30 million people rendered homeless. Famine and epidemic have broken out.

We, the Bangladeshis in Kuwait, are suffering because we can't see our families during this calamity. We seek the sympathy of HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister and other Kuwaiti employers. We request one month's leave with advance salary of one month, as a humanitarian gesture. We can then go to Bangladesh to see our family and share their distress.

We also appeal to the government to send relief and medical aid with a team comprising Bangladeshi doctors and nurses who are now working for the Ministry of Health.

Mohammed Abdul Baten Sarker, Jahra.

Don't resume war

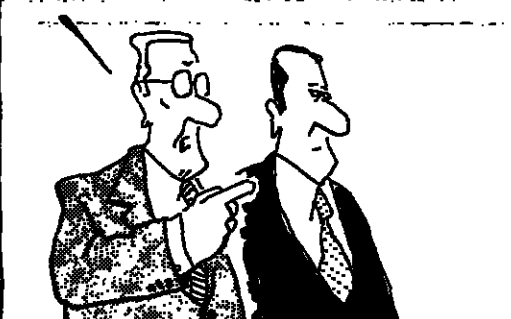
SIR: We urge Iraq and Iran not to resume war. Both are Muslim countries. A Muslim greets another by saying Assalamu Alaikum, which means peace be upon you.

It is peace that we strive for. So stop fighting even if one has to give up a point of view.

Jannat Al Naim, Hawaii.

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HOLD DOWN TEACHERS' SALARIES



By Mary Beth Sheridan

PALERMO, Sicily, (AP): Swimming children giggle, a breeze stirs the eucalyptus and Paolo Borsellino tries to forget the murder and corruption that are the focus of his daily work.

But a gloom that has enveloped Italy's war against the Mafia follows the graying magistrate like a cloud, even as he relaxes outside his beachfront vacation home.

"A certain weariness has overcome Palermo," he says, staring broodingly at the purple Sicilian hills. "Today the commitment to fight the Mafia isn't as strong as before."

Government and police officials in the Sicilian capital express similar feelings. They speak of blocked investigations, of political indifference, of threats to those who take on the mob.

The Mafia is considered one of the world's biggest drug-trafficking organizations, with arms-trafficking and money-laundering operations as well. In Sicily, it has been blamed for widespread extortion in construction, public services and sales of agricultural produce.

Warn

Earlier this year, Italian police warned that the Mafia was picking up more and more young people for various underworld jobs, finding a ready source of help in Sicily's unemployed population. Signs of a breakdown in the fight against the Mafia have frightened citizens who refuse to co-operate with organized crime.

President Francesco Cossiga recently demanded an inquiry into Mafia investigations in

Italy's drive on Mafia suffers breakdown

Palermo, where the Mafia has its headquarters.

Shortly thereafter, Giovanni Falcone, Italy's top Mafia investigator, submitted his resignation, saying working conditions were impossible.

Some blame weariness for the investigative problems. Others see the corrupting hand of the Mafia.

"Today, in these months, there is a new effort by the dark force to reappropriate the city," declares the Rev. Ennio Pintacuda, a Jesuit who advises the Palermo government.

Crisis

At the centre of the crisis are a group of investigating magistrates, who in the Italian legal system draw up indictments using police and judicial methods. They often work alone.

Falcone, Borsellino and their colleagues instead formed a pool so that the Mafia could not, as in the past, kill off a case by killing off an investigator.

In the five years since, the magistrates' teamwork has paid off with evidence not only about the Mafia's local operation, but its business in Europe and the United States.

It culminated in 338 convictions last December in the "Maxi-trial" of Mafia members accused of murder, robbery and drug trafficking to the US East Coast.

It also contributed to the 18 convictions in the "Pizza Con-

nection" trial of heroin suppliers who used US pizza parlours as fronts.

But since January, when Italy's Superior Council of Magistrates chose 68-year-old judge Antonino Meli to head the "Anti-Mafia Pool," a split has developed in the unit. The council passed over the 49-year-old Falcone, ruling he was too young.

Changed

"A few months after Meli took over, the system was changed completely," says Borsellino, who left the team last year.

The new director began sending Mafia cases to judges outside the pool, and assigning non-Mafia cases to pool members, he says.

"We are returning to the system of the '60s, in which each judge did his job and no one knew what anyone else was doing — and no one had a global view of the Mafia," charged Borsellino.

He complained publicly in July, and the Italian president ordered an investigation. A week later, Falcone resigned and his pool colleagues threatened to follow.

"We feel we are in danger of losing a way of co-ordination in the fight against the Mafia that brought optimal results," says pool member Gioacchino Natoli.

Meli's office said he would not comment on the accusations. In

Vatican acts as a player in peace efforts in Africa

By Dennis Redmont

VATICAN CITY, (AP): Pope John Paul II's 10-day swing through Africa has paradoxically served to reduce the stigma of any future visit to South Africa and firmly established the Vatican as a player in peace efforts in the region.

The Pope's unscheduled stop in Johannesburg, a hostage drama in Lesotho, and diplomacy aimed at nudging Mozambique and South Africa away from confrontation distinctly marked the fourth papal trip to the continent.

"You could say it was an act of grace," said Vatican Secretary of State Agostino Casaroli in pondering the consequences of a landing, forced by bad weather, in South Africa.

It is the very country whose

racial policies the Pope excoriated on the first stop, Zimbabwe.

Prior to the Pope's visit to Zimbabwe, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique, some bishops and African leaders urged John Paul to strike the nation of apartheid from any future travel. But by the time the Pope landed in Rome on Monday night, few voices against a future stopover had been raised.

Soft

Even the Rev. Allan Boesak, the militant Protestant leader who attended papal ecumenical meeting in Maputo, stopped short of discouraging a trip, despite his charges the Pope had been too soft on the white minority government.

Vatican prelates confirmed the Pope would fly to Madagascar and Tanzania in 1989, and that he was considering a visit to rigidly Marxist Angola.

The Vatican traditionally groups countries of the same region on each trip, making the prospect of a South Africa visit a distinct possibility.

In his unscheduled visit, the Pope sipped tea with South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha, rode 300 kms (190 miles) in a government sedan protected by security agents, and visited people injured in the storming of a hijacked bus, during which six people were killed by South African commandos.

The Pope, who has rarely held back from sensitive subjects on his foreign tours, also spoke out.

● He lectured the 20-year-old King of Swaziland and his four wives about polygamy.

● He repeatedly urged Mozambique's Marxist government, overwhelmed by civil war and the prospect of 5 million on the edge of famine, to negotiate with the rebels. John Paul offered the church's help, if needed.

The issue of negotiations was all the more delicate since President Joaquim Chissano's government until recently held confiscated church property.

Meanwhile, the rebel Mozambique Resistance Movement — which roams the countryside sought to cast itself to the Vatican and the world as anti-communist and favouring religious freedom.

John Paul set his own agenda in some of the most vivid speeches of any papal trip, exclaiming, "Yes, my beloved brothers, I have felt the heart of this country bleed.... I am taking home images of suffering.... the worried gaze of many children, the look of uncertainty of so many youths, the tired eyes of so many adults and the sad look of the aged."

In very specific terms, he said he approved of efforts by his local bishops to encourage talks between the government and the rebels. The Roman Catholic spiritual leader also said he backed a government amnesty, which has led 2,000 rebels to lay down arms.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1499 — Turks ravage Vicenza in Italy.
- 1550 — Holy Roman Empire fleet captures vessel port of Africa at Mehedra in Tunis, naval headquarters of Turkish Corsair Dragut.
- 1609 — Duke of Zerna expels 500,000 Moors and Moriscos from Spain.
- 1711 — Rio de Janeiro is captured by the French.
- 1789 — Austrian and Russian troops defeat Turks at Rimmik Wallachia.
- 1792 — French republic is proclaimed and revolutionary calendar goes into effect.
- 1862 — US President Abraham Lincoln declares all slaves free as of January 1, 1863.
- 1927 — Slavery is abolished in Sierra Leone in Africa.
- 1949 — Soviet Union explodes its first atomic bomb, four years after first US nuclear detonation.
- 1965 — Ceasefire is declared in war between India and Pakistan, but both sides subsequently violate it.
- 1974 — Official death toll in hurricane that swept Honduras is put at 5,000.
- 1980 — Hostilities between Iran and Iraq erupt into what is described as full scale war.
- 1986 — Two hijackers seize Soviet airliner at Ural Mountains Airport and kill two passengers before security agents retake plane and shoot the hijackers.
- 1987 — Iran's President Ali Khamenei tells United Nations that United States has turned Gulf into a "powder keg".

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

Pran, the 'baddie' of Indian films recalls the good old days

Celebrating 50 golden years of villainy

WHEN screen villains talk of their lives and careers, it seems rather strange as one is so used to their character on the screen, one cannot imagine them in any other role than that of the 'baddie'.

Recently we had the opportunity to chat with a famous 'bad man' of celluloid and the result was a mixed feeling of sympathy and admiration.

Veteran Pran will soon be turning 70 with 50 years of his life spent in the films. He has a wide range of characters, from the very bad to the very kind and noble, from the strongly loyal to the fiercely funny. He is one of the few who has been able to switch between good and evil images, many times and has carried it off successfully each time.

In the evenings, Pran likes to relax in the drawing room of his

Khar bungalow and watch TV in bits with a remote control, and of course a glass in hand. At such times, he talks nostalgically about the years gone by the hectic present, and the uncertain future. We were fortunate to catch him in one such mood and a glimpse of how a real sincere actor used to work, when films were made as they should be made.

Pran was born in Delhi and spent his early years in Lahore (now in Pakistan) but his links with India were strong and sentimental. Talking of his finest memories, he said: "I migrated to India on 14th August 1947, just one day before India's independence and on the day of partition. Luckily, my family did not have to go through the violence which other refugees suffered. On reaching Bombay, we first stayed at the Taj Mahal



Pran (centre) with the villains of yesterday Ajit (left) and today, Amrish Puri.

Hotel, where the tariff with room service was Rs. 55 only. Then we rented a house."

Pran had already a film background from his Lahore days. When he was on the sets learning photography, producer Wali Mohd. Wali, forced him to join the cast as a villain in the Punjabi Yama Jatt which proved a big hit. He then had a walk-on role in Dalsukh Pancholi's Hindi film Khazanchi and was soon made the young hero opposite Noorjehan in Khandaan directed by Shaikat Hussain Rizvi. This film was very popular in Bombay and all over India. Thus Pran's face was already known to audiences when he arrived in Bombay. After a little struggle he got a role in Bombay Talkies' Ziddi whereafter S.M. Yusuf cast him as a young helpful hero in the family drama Grihashthi which ran for 50 weeks.

Villain

But Pran was cut out to be more of a villain than a hero. We reminded him that even while giving a romantic look to his heroine Sharda, he would unconsciously bring an evil expression on his face. This made him recall other memories: "Yes, I agree with you." It was growing into a habit. I would narrow one eye



Pran: his last ambition is to die with make-up on

and look like the devil's disciple. That's why when Raj Kapoor optimistically gave me the role of the good doctor in Aah he had problems. During every take, Raj Sahab would look sharply into my eyes and cut it if he had any doubts. My other weakness was that I was very comfortable singing songs before the camera."

But then we asked what about the highly popular songs in Upkaar, Dharna, Zanjeer, Victoria 203 etc? Said Pran: "In the last few years, my songs are more like sequences that tell a tale. I have to react to a situation or provide a thread to tie up the story. So it's okay. But I

get real pleasure out of delivering dialogues in different ways. That's why it's lucky that I get a variety of characters belonging to different provinces. For example in Adhikar I had to play a typical Bhopali, speaking that peculiar Hindi dialect. I sat down with writer Javed for ten days and picked up everything, like the effeminate tone of their conversation.

Interesting

Talking of R.K. again, his face was clouded with memories: "I did many films for his studio, the best being Bobby and Jis Desh Mein. He was a very dear friend. We would sit in his cottage drinking till late hours. After that, he would never allow me to drive home. His car would drop me and my car was sent over the next morning. Of course, as I grew older I have controlled my drinking. One day I suddenly suffered a hang-over and felt weakness. Since then, I ordered a peg-measure to be kept in my bar for my daily quota."

We were tape-recording



Pran with Rubina, Seema, Chunky and Neelam in 'Paap Ki Duniya'.

Pran's interesting talks as well as dialogue demonstration. But everytime we would give him the mike, he would become alert and serious, as if he was shooting or dubbing. That is the sign of the true veteran artist. Pran appreciated our compliments and added: "In our old days, everyone was disciplined and regular. But the present-day stars have become famous for coming late. Yet, I can't help being exactly on time. So the producers who phone other stars to ask whether they have started from home, have to phone me and request me not to start. It may sound strange but true."

His other principles are that he never cancels a given date and while shooting a film he remains on the sets even after his take, instead of going away

to the make-up room.

Pran loves sports, and is fond of keeping big dogs. Outside his bungalow gate a sign warns guests: "Beware of dogs." His hounds surround you in the compound and you don't dare to come out of your vehicle till they are cleared. He also loves to be involved in social activities, like collecting relief funds, organising the Punjabi new year nite Baisakhi da mela and shows like Hope 86 & 87. He is justly proud of the 52 awards he has won for film work. He has acted in nearly 350 films till the recent Paap Ki Duniya and there are more to come.

He talks of the personal touches that he often gives to his characters: "I was playing a dacoit cum lover in Jis Desh Mein. So the mannerism he

adopted was to keep touching his collar near the neck with two fingers. After all the character knew he was bound to be hanged some day."

Regarding his flops he said: "After so many years some failures may not affect my career. But they affect me, my heart. I feel dead. I make frantic inquiries, like one who has four children but is equally worried over the birth of the fifth. Once in acting, always in acting. The craving is worse than drug addiction."

"I never wanted to join films at first. There was no compulsion as I was from a rich family. But I was practically forced to become an actor. Once in it, I began to love it, could not think of anything else. And my last ambition is to die with make-up on."



A rare photo: Pran and Noorjehan in Khandaan made in pre-partitioned India in Lahore, 1942.

Trekking boldly where no star has gone before

Indian TV has finally entered the scientific age. Sigma, India's own answer to Star Trek, is set in a space base on an asteroid. There are humans and funny looking spacemen and enthralling confrontations between good and evil.

ALL viewers who have been lulled into somnolence by the mediocre stuff that's being churned out day after day are in for a pleasant surprise.

Fasten your seat belts and sit up because television is going to take off. And carry you with it — into outer space. Yes, TV has finally entered the science age. And how!

Sigma, India's own answer to Star Trek, is set in a space base on an asteroid, which is not only a research station but a space defence frontier too.

Of course, there are humans and funny looking spacemen and enthralling confrontation between good and evil, all of which are bound to keep children as well as adults rivetted.

But what you'll miss on screen is the behind the scene activity, an adventure in itself.

Serial

"Making the serial was a voyage into the unknown," says Ashok Talwar, who, along with Bizeth Banerjee, has masterminded the daring project. Only it turned out to be more daring than expected.

"We had the inconceivable task of translating sophisticated scientific concepts into everyday language. And we had to avoid falling into the trap of using high flown Hindi." To tackle this problem, the director-writers have included an introduction-cum-explanation to every episode. And resorted to a mixture of



A scene from Sigma, India's own answer to Star Trek.

Hindi and English, even in ordinary situations. Technical terms are at a minimum of course.

The result is hybrid, but effective — so you'll end up hearing sentences like "Ab to yeh fail ho gaya," when the complex controls of the space outpost refuse to function.

Make-up, special effects, music, have all taken a lot of

extra effort on the director's part, and seven episodes of the serial are now ready. Mandi House was to have scheduled the serial for July, but is probably still shell-shocked by its possibilities, and by the producer's daring. But approval is inevitable, if quality has its say. So watch out folks — D. Day is near, soon it will be time for the blast off!

Behind the screen

Archana Pura Singh is becoming like a no man's land. Though married, she joined and then parted company from boy friend Pankaj Parasher. She tried to get into Rajesh Khanna's favour, but unfortunately lacked the shrewdness of Anju, Dimple, Tina. She recently developed vibes with Dharm Jr., as she is playing a "hot" role with Sunny boy in a film called Aag Ka Gola.

Every hero and comedian has to do a woman's dress, at least once in a career and prance about in a sexy way. Even Amitabh did it for Lawaris which made V. Shantaram angry enough to spit. Now, who would have thought that the macho hulk of a man called Chunky would also become a woman? Well, he is doing it to tease Madhuri Dixit in a film called Khilaa.

Subhash Ghai's Uttar Dakshina has failed very badly, proving that North and South don't meet at least in the films. But that has not deterred another producer from starting Parab Paschim, Uttar Dakshin, that too with fading stars like Raj Babbar and Madhuri from the South. Will somebody remind him that "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet."

Mahesh Bhatt made a mess of the Kasoor shooting in London because he thought he did not need any script and had everything jotted down in his mind. Well, his memory failed and the poor producer was left holding the baby. All the more astounding because the film is a re-make of Dev Anand's Hare Rama Hare Krishna with former Bunty Behl trying to be a male Zeenat.

Farha smokes, drinks, abuses, gambles and threatens. People wonder what will she do next if there is anything left at all which only a man can do.



Farha: smokes, drinks, abuses, gambles and threatens



Raj Babbar and Madhuri: uniting north, south, east and west. But will the twain ever meet.



Bad taste: Chunky plays a 'woman' and fools Madhuri in Khilaa

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: Is calcium really any use in fighting osteoporosis?

Answer: To answer your question perhaps too simply — yes studies have long indicated the usefulness of calcium supplements in the treatment of osteoporosis. But their ability to stop bone loss or help increase bone mass depends a great deal on lifestyle. This means following an adequate and nutritious diet and a regular programme of exercise. Exercise not only affects bone remodeling by stimulating the release of growth hormones, but exercisers burn more calories, take in more nutrients and absorb more calcium. The reverse is true of habitual inactivity, which in itself leads to a loss of bone which no amount of added calcium can prevent.

As you may already know, osteoporosis is a loss of bone tissue that leaves the bones porous, brittle and subject to easy breakage. What you might not know is how difficult it is to predict who will (or will not) develop this symptomless disorder, because the causes are many and not just a natural result of old age. In fact, the first real indication,

sometimes the only one, is the presence of an insufficiency fracture — a break in a bone that occurs for no apparent reason. Most frequently these fractures occur at the spine and later in life at the hip, but other skeletal parts can be involved as well.

According to the best available estimates, people who have a low bone mineral content are at the greatest risk. This group includes the elderly, diabetics, smokers, alcoholics, patients who have an estrogen deficiency of any cause, those undergoing cortisone therapy, or individuals with a strong family history of osteoporosis. If you fit this profile in any way, your doctor probably will consider taking bone mineral measurements at regular intervals to see how you are getting along.

The two most promising techniques available to detect low amounts of bone mineral (before irreversible damage occurs) are quantitative computed tomography (QCT) and photon absorptiometry, both of which are X-rays or ultrasound pictures that show bone density. These tests, by measuring mass, can not only determine the

amount of loss but weak areas where breaks are likely to occur.

Should structural changes be severe, your doctor may order a biopsy to rule out a malignancy of the bone marrow, as well as take steps to see if there are any vitamin deficiencies or endocrine, kidney or liver problems which might be causing the bone loss. In circumstances where mineral content is low but within a normal range, changes in lifestyle and a readily usable form of calcium (such as is provided in many calcium supplements) will be part of the recommended course of treatment.

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: Serious burns create a trauma that may be severe and very painful. The long period of treatment can place unbearable stress not only on the victim, but the family as well. The loss of income and the cost of care may aggravate financial losses experienced in the accident itself, and frequently families have nowhere to seek advice and support.

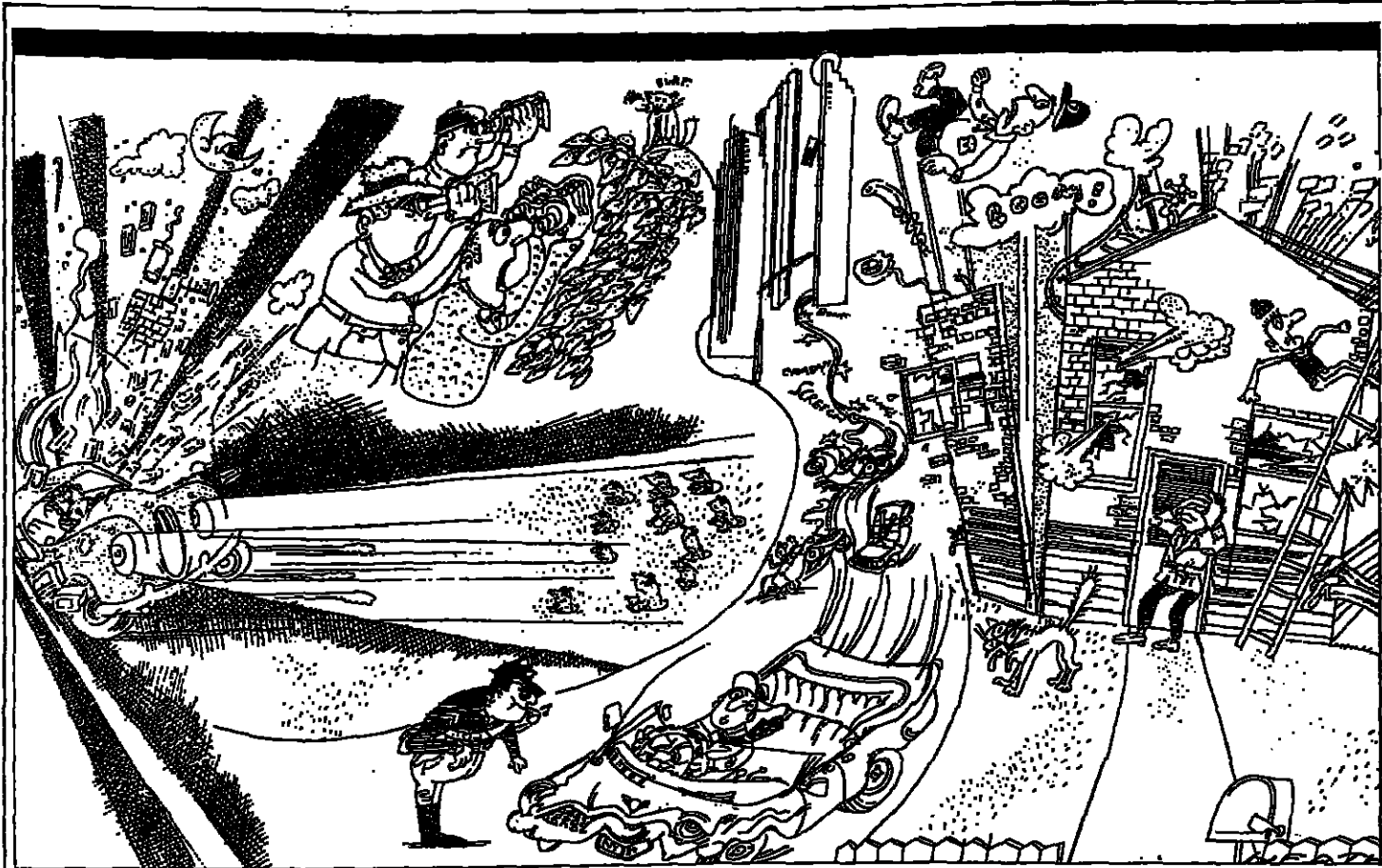
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CALCIUM USEFUL IN FIGHTING OSTEOPOROSIS

ANDY CAPP

By Smith





The worst driver (male)

THE world record for the most traffic offences in the shortest period of time is held by a man from Frisco, in Texas, who achieved this feat in the first 20 minutes of car ownership.

Having hitch-hiked to the nearby city of McKinney on 15 October 1966, he bought a 1953 Ford and drove out of the used car showroom at 3:50 pm.

At 3:54 he collided with a 1952 Chevrolet driven by a local woman, Mrs Wilma Smith Bailey, at the corner of McKinney and Heard Street.

One minute later he collided again 90 feet south of Virginia Street and Tennessee Street with another Chevrolet, driven by Miss Sally Whitel of Farmville.

Feeling more confident now in his new vehicle, he next drove round the courthouse one-way system in the wrong direction. Forty-six feet later he hit a 1963 Ford. It was still only 3:58.

He continued in this vein until 4:15 pm, when he was in deep conversation with Patrolman Richard Buchanan, having just hit a Ford Mustang in Louisiana Street.

In the space of just 20 minutes he had acquired 10 traffic tickets, caused six accidents, hit four cars without stopping and driven on the wrong side of the road four times.

When questioned, this determined motorist, who had not driven for 10 years, said: "They don't drive like they used to."

The least successful gas conversion

SINCE converting his orange Volvo to gas power for reasons of economy, Mr Tony Forward proudly said he had enjoyed two years of trouble-free motoring. In that time he had only once experienced any kind of bother with it.

In the early hours of a morning in 1981 there was a loud explosion which had woken not only him, but also the entire population of Derby Green, a small hamlet in Hampshire. Thinking it might be a thunderbolt, he went outside to find that the blast from his car had destroyed his garage and conservatory, scattered his freezer and its contents over the garden, blown a hole in a neighbour's garage, damaging their car, and left a fence and his own personally modified Volvo in flames. Such was the heat that a

Some great moments in do-it-yourself disasters

A few weeks ago, we published choice extracts from Stephen Pile's *Return of Heroic Failures*, chronicling the worst in human achievement. Here are some more examples of over-achievers in the do-it-yourself category.

spare gas cylinder on the back seat went up and sent the roof of his car flying through the air and crashing through trees into a garden across the road.

Apart from this one incident Mr Forward experienced no trouble at all.

The least successful fringe show

THE Edinburgh Festival fringe was set alight in 1983 by an outstanding production of *Ubu Roi* that closed after only 15 minutes of its first and last performance.

Advance publicity whetted the appetite for "the first appearance in Britain by an extraordinary West Berlin ensemble (Freie Theateranstalt) with a pig, cockatoos and several parrots who create a visual symphony and a threatening stillness."

The leading actor and director Hermann van Harten said the production did not have the animals as advertised because no one told him they would have to be put into quarantine. The parrots and cockatoos were dispensable, but the pig was essential because it played the role of Ubu Roi's wife. At the last minute they had borrowed a pig called Rust from the local East Lothian city farm and the play's opening was delayed for five days due to intensive pig training.

On the big night Rust just "oinked around the place," refusing to jump up and down as the part required.

After only a quarter of an hour on the opening night Van Harten passed out on stage with exhaustion. A member of the cast then stepped forward to say that the show was so awful

they had decided to scrap it and give everyone their money back.

Great moments in the history of exploration

THREE celebrated explorers were invited to dinner at the Geographical Club in London. Sir Vivian Fuchs had explored Greenland and East Africa and led the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1955-58.

Dr John Hemming was director of the Royal Geographical Society and a member of the 1961 Brazilian Expedition.

Robin Hanbury-Tenison had crossed South America in a small boat and explored the Indonesian islands, Ecuador, Brazil, Venezuela and the mountains of southern Sahara as well as travelling up Africa and down the Amazon in a hovercraft.

They met at the Royal Geographical Society, just a quarter of a mile from their final destination. Within a mere five minutes they were spectacularly lost in the back streets of Kensington.

The least successful birdwatcher

IN November 1986, 200 bird-watchers from all over Britain gathered in the scilly Isles to see the arrival of an extremely rare grey-cheeked thrush. During the long wait they discussed the bird's North African habitat, its exquisite colouring and the precise detail of its unusually melodious call.

Peering through binoculars, they saw the priceless bird fly in amidst exclamations regarding its beauty. As soon as it landed on the camp site at St Mary's

Garrison, Mrs S Burrows' cat, Muffin, dashed out, snatched the thrush in its mouth, disappeared into a bush and brought the bird watching session to a close.

The least successful fishing trip

IT was the perfect day for fishing. Leaving his farm on the north Kent coast one bright Thursday in August 1981, Mr John Jenkins took his family to the nearby resort of Seasalter.

After some while digging for bait, Mr Jenkins, his wife Violet, his niece Mrs Christopher Smith and her two-year-old son Jason boarded their lorry, a converted 1943 four-wheel-drive Dodge armoured carrier, and drove across the mud flats.

Three-quarters of a mile out the lorry got stuck. Mr Jenkins made the long trek back to a telephone and called out one of his tractors. As soon as it arrived this got stuck as well. The family climbed out and watched as the tide covered both vehicles.

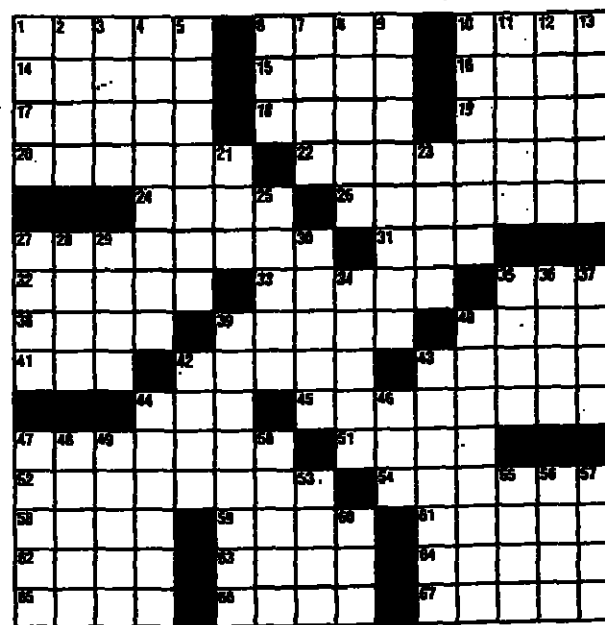
On the Friday morning the first tractor was pulled out by a second. Together they set off to rescue the Dodge, but enroute both got stuck and were engulfed by the incoming tide.

Mr Jenkins now had three vehicles under water and so set out with his third tractor to remedy the situation. In rescuing the Dodge this tractor also became stuck and that night it too disappeared beneath the waves.

By Saturday morning word had spread of this great sea adventure and whole families travelled out across the mud to watch a mechanical digger arrive and release one tractor before itself becoming wedged in the mud. By Saturday night, that was under water as well. On Sunday morning the rescued tractor went back to assist whereupon it became immediately stuck in the mud and the tide covered the entire contents of Mr Jenkins' garage.

It took 120 hours of non-stop rescue attempts before everything was back on terra firma.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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27 Sound: Comb. form
28 Lease
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47 Entreated
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53 Secluded hollow
55 Goats effort
56 Robert — 57 Separate
60 State

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ K9865 ♥ 8 ♦ 96532 ♣ 43

Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

A.—Your hand is worth exactly 4 points—if you count a singleton in partner's suit as an asset, you are going to get into a lot of trouble. If you could divine that partner has spade support, your hand might be surprisingly useful, but a misfit is looming. When you don't have enough for a response, pass.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ AK98742 ♥ 83 ♦ AQ102 ♣ Void

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—This hand could produce anywhere from 10 to 13 tricks, depending on partner's holding. Blackwood won't help; you need a cue-bidding sequence. Bid four clubs. You start by bidding your cheapest first-round control, regardless of whether it is an ace or a void.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ AK98742 ♥ 83 ♦ AQ102 ♣ Void

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass

What action do you take?

A.—Despite the fact that partner has no ace (he would have cue-bid five diamonds if he held that ace), he is interested in slam. He could hardly have less than the three missing kings and the queen of trumps. Bid six hearts—partner's king of diamonds is protected from the guillotine at trick one.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ AQ6 ♥ Q72 ♦ QJ52 ♣ A43

Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

A.—Even if you play 16-18 points and partner has an absolute maximum, giving your side a combined 33 points, it is unlikely that you can make 12 tricks. You have a flat hand with no intermediates, so take the sure profit by bidding three no trump.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable as South you hold:
♠ AQ964 ♥ 83 ♦ 103 ♣ QJ62

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass ?

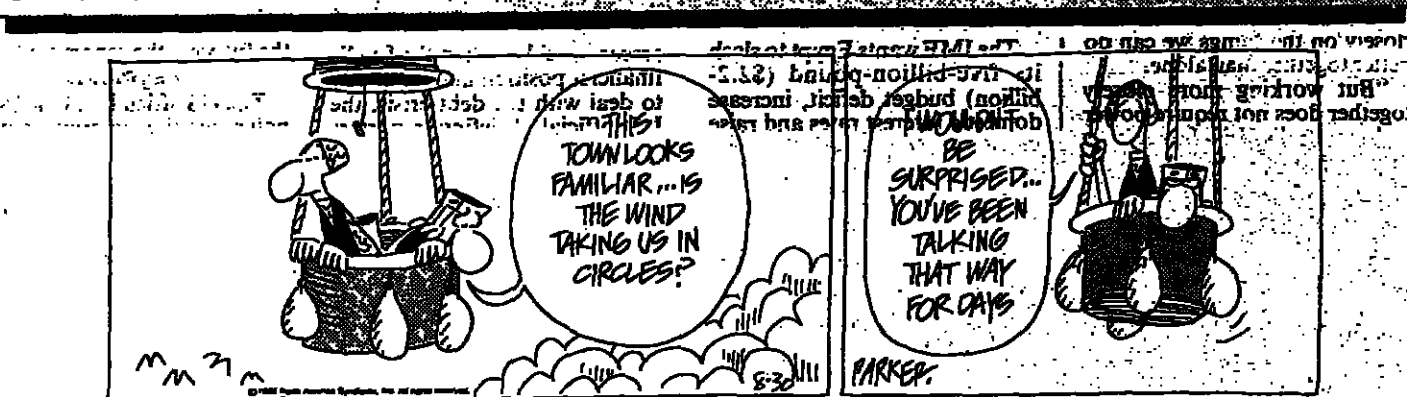
What action do you take?

A.—You certainly want to be in game. It's just a question of whether you should play three no trump or four spades. With your unbalanced hand you would surely prefer a suit contract, provided North has three-card spade support. Bid three clubs in the hope of getting a spade preference from partner.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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AMYS SHALE LINE
RAHS HAYEAHEART
CREEE WAG OASES
ASTAN TESS
APR MISGIVE HOJA
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will tend to overrule yourself and should try to slow down just a little. You should take a greater interest in what your partner is doing. Do not act upon hearsay. Be precise.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You are rather too liable to make a snap decision. You should try to keep calm and not to do things on the spur of the moment. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be punctual.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will tend to be rather preoccupied and this will make it more difficult for you to concentrate on what is essential. You will be able to do something you have been meaning to do for some time now. Do not allow love and affection to take a backseat. Be discreet.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should try to stop thinking about and regretting the past. You will be able to get a lot done but only if you work really hard. Do not expect to have it all your own way. Be more generous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should make sure you do not break a promise. A little more patience in your personal life is what is required. You ought to try to drink less and you must make sure you get all the vitamins you need. Be reliable.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

There will be some ups and downs and you must make sure you do not take too much for granted. Do all you can to preserve your inner peace of mind. A temptation to throw caution to the wind must be resisted at all costs. Be sincere.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

The influences are mixed and you should be on your guard. You will have a disappointment but it is no good railing against it—take it in your stride. Try to get to the bottom of things. Be observant.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will find it harder to keep your mind on things but you should make an effort to do so. Make sure you keep your eyes on what is behind you when driving. You will be able to make a few changes for the better. Be more methodical.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

This is going to be an interesting and rewarding day for you. You will be able to rid yourself of an annoying problem. You should make sure you know where you are going: do not lose sight of your objectives. Be less reticent.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You should not let a good opportunity pass you by. Others will be more inclined to agree with you. You will tend to be a little on the careless side and should make a greater conscious effort. Be less intolerant.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will need all the concentration you can summon and more. But if you do succeed in concentrating you will be well rewarded. Do not act as though you were a lot younger than you are: be your age. Eat no more than you need to avoid losing weight. Be considerate.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will have the energy you need to make good progress. But you must make sure you do not allow yourself to be distracted. A little more patience is what is needed right now. You should try to enjoy life to the full. Be a little less solemn.

YOU never see them, but the key men in this presidential race are the members of the elite Special Scurious Presidential Campaign SWAT Teams.

They are stashed away in the bunkers of the candidate's headquarters and their job is to disseminate wild and hairy stories about the opposition. I managed to get in to a command post to find out how they operated. There was one man in charge of five political yuppies sitting around the table under an electoral map of the United States.

The man on the phone yelled out. "Upstairs wants us to attack what's-his-name for his soft stance on crime. What can we come up with?"

One of the workers said, "How about our candidate saying that his opponent is not only soft on crime but he is the Hillside Serial Killer of Cape Cod?"

"It is dirty enough," someone agreed. "But upstairs will never let our guy say that."

"All the better. We'll insert it in a TV commercial, and then our candidate will insist he had

The Art Buchwald Column

Dirty pool

nothing to do with the charge and deplores those kind of political tactics in a presidential campaign. It's a twofer. We get to play dirty and he gets to play clean with the same story."

"Good going," the man in charge said. "Now we have to do something to dramatize the opposition's stance on defence."

"I've been working on that one," said Red Suspenders. "We will say the reason what's-his-name is weak on defence is that he has refused to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag for the last 20 years."

"We better trial-balloon it, just in case people don't buy it. Anything happen on us maintaining that what's-his-name burned the American flag during the war in Grenada?"

"We're putting out a story that it was not the candidate but his mother

who did it."

"Of course they will. How could anybody make something like that up?"

"Has anyone dealt with the 'God Bless America' issue?"

"We're going to leak a story that if he is elected President what's-his-name has promised the ACLU that he will ban the song from all three networks, if he has to stack the Supreme Court to do it."

"That should play in Orange County. Our man will gladly insert it into his speech without asking us where we got the information."

"We can get more votes by accusing their side of a 'God Bless America' ban than explaining how we're going to balance the budget."

"Speaking of votes, the boss wants us to give him

something as good as the stuff we put out on what's-his-name's mental health," Striped Tie said.

"Tell him we're working on it. What do you guys think of this? We say that if Shorty is elected, anybody over 5-foot-1 will lose his right to bear arms. That will scare the hell out of Texas."

"That's a little far-fetched. Who is going to believe it?"

"The people. They won't believe it the first time we say it, and they won't believe the second time we say it—but the third time around they will eat the whole thing."

"How can you be so sure?"

"When I went to college, I studied Advanced Jingoism 104." 1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Spencer optimistic about future growth prospects

BA finalises Kuwait-Madras fares

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Peter M. Spencer, general manager of BA in both Middle East and Africa told the Arab Times in an exclusive interview that British Airways has a firm commitment to the Middle East region, particularly the Arab world. British Airways has been operating in the region for over half a century.

Laurence O'Toole, the BA manager in both Kuwait and Iraq was also present at the meeting. Spencer looks after the entire operations in the Middle East, including Libya, Iran, Iraq, Tunisia, the Indian Ocean area, Karachi and Islamabad.

Highlighting the importance of the Middle East travel market, Spencer said, "Even though

there was a slight slowdown in our business recently, I am quite confident and optimistic about the future growth prospects."

He said: "Our relations with this region are excellent and deep-rooted. Kuwait is by far the British Airways' largest Arab market."

Employed
"As a non-Arab airline, British Airways has employed the maximum Arabic-speaking employees in its services," Spencer said.

Spencer said there is quite a good number of Indians in Kuwait and the market has been growing steadily and the competitive prices will ensure more business prospects.

Meanwhile, British Airways' passenger load factor topped 78

per cent in August and passenger traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres grew 19 per cent over the exceptional levels recorded in August last year.

Last month BA announced a first quarter pre-tax profit of £81 million. The chairman, Lord King, described the results as satisfactory against a background of increased passenger numbers, increased freight traffic and a 13 per cent improvement in group turnover.

British Airways also placed a £250 million order for two Boeing 747-400 long-range aircraft to be powered by Rolls Royce RB 211-524G engines.

British Airways now has 19 aircraft of this type on order with another 12 options.

British Airways has been



Peter M. Spencer voted the world's best airline in the prestigious Business Traveller magazine worldwide survey.

Readers in more than 50 countries put British Airways ahead of the rest of the world, including Swissair, winner for the last four years.

The magazine reports: "Since its merger with British Caledonian giving it a considerably larger network and the relaunch of its business class, the airline has finally built up a reputation for excellence and efficiency that its clients are beginning to recognise."

The poll was conducted in four regions, the UK, continental Europe, the Middle East and the rest of the world.

Readers voted for British Airways because of its friendly attitude throughout the airline "overall efficiency and excellent customer service" and "more

feelings of security."

The most important reasons for choosing one airline over another were cabin crew (mentioned by 80 per cent of voters), comfort (75 per cent) and meals (60 per cent).

Products
Sir Colin Marshall, BA chief executive, said: "British Airways has set out to compete vigorously across the world for the custom of the frequent flyer. We are delighted that the readers of Business Traveller have now placed our products and style of service at the top of their list of preferred airlines."

"The award is an indication that we are on course towards fulfilling our goal of being the best and most successful airline in the world," he added.

Thatcher warns against centralised EEC

BRUGES, Belgium, Sept 21, (AP) British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday said Britain was committed to the European Economic Community, but she warned her EEC partners against an excessive concentration of power in the 12-nation bloc.

"Britain does not dream of an alternative to the European Community," Thatcher told the College of Europe, a 39-year-old institute for post-graduate specialising in European law.

"Our destiny is in Europe, as part of the Community."

But to put power "at the centre of a European conglomerate would be highly damaging and would jeopardise the objectives we seek to achieve," she added.

Thatcher said she wanted to see EEC nations "work more closely on the things we can do better together than alone."

"But working more closely together does not require power to be centralised in Brussels or decisions to be taken by an appointed bureaucracy."

She rejected the notion of a "United States of Europe," saying the EEC must be a union of independent nations, "each with its own customs, traditions and identity."

Role
She said she has not cut the role of the state in Britain to see it "reimposed at a European level, with a European super-state exercising a new dominance from Brussels."

In the past, Thatcher has been criticised by her EEC partners for being isolated on issues such as the EEC's farm and budgetary policies.

She is currently the most vocal opponent of proposals to harmonise sales taxes in the EEC by 1992 when the EEC plans to establish a single European market, and she opposes a European Central Bank.

"We want to see Europe more united and with a greater sense of common purpose," she said. "Our aim should not be more and more detailed regulation from the centre. It should be to deregulate, to remove the constraints on trade and to open up."

Bonn to cut rates on development aid loans

BONN, Sept 21, (Reuters) West Germany has decided to make its development aid loans cheaper for a number of Third World countries, government sources said today.

A cabinet decision was taken last ahead of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual meetings in West Berlin.

The sources said Bonn would grant all its development aid loans at conditions set by the International Development Association, a soft-loan affiliate of the World Bank. Most German loans are already made on IDA conditions.

Credits
Development aid loans are for specific development projects. The IDA offers credits at a fixed interest rate of 0.75 per cent, with a 10-year grace period and a maturity of 40 years.

West Germany now offers some credits at rates above one per cent and some borrowing costs are as high as six per cent.

The government has a programme to waive the debts of the poorest nations, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa.

President promises own reform plan

Mubarak flays IMF

CAIRO, Sept 21, (Reuters) President Hosni Mubarak criticised the International Monetary Fund (IMF) yesterday for failing to understand Egypt's economic problems and said he would implement his own reform plan.

"The IMF knows our problems exactly but does not want to understand them," Mubarak told a meeting of agricultural specialists.

"We will not accept a reform plan imposed on us from outside but will carry out our own plan, taking domestic conditions into consideration," Mubarak said.

By the end of June, Egypt had rescheduled payments of more than \$6 billion on its \$43-billion foreign debt.

It is still trying to reschedule at least \$5 billion in debts due between last July and the end of next year, but needs a new accord with the IMF to show its creditors.

The IMF wants Egypt to slash its five-billion-pound (\$2.2-billion) budget deficit, increase domestic interest rates and raise the prices of state-subsidised fuel and food.

Prices
Mubarak said he wanted to increase prices gradually, apparently to avoid a repetition of the street riots that met food price hikes in January 1977.

The IMF plan aims at killing the Egyptian citizen and is impossible to implement," he said. "The IMF wants to cancel subsidies at one go while we intend to do it gradually."

G-7 is comfortable with exchange rates: Lawson

LONDON, Sept 21, (AP) Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said today the Group of Seven finance ministers are generally comfortable with current exchange rates and that he expects them to reaffirm their intent to co-operate on economic policy.

"I think most of us are comfortable with the rates where they are at this time," Lawson said at a briefing for journalists ahead of the International Monetary Fund annual meeting and a G-7 meeting in West Berlin this week-end.

"We are back in the Louvre rates and have been for some time," Lawson said, referring to the G-7's decision to keep the dollar steady. That decision was reached at a meeting at the Louvre palace in France in February 1987.

Co-operation
Lawson, the Treasury's top official, said he expected to see a "full-hearted reaffirmation of the co-operation we have been pursuing."

Lawson said he did not expect any new initiatives at the meeting of the finance ministers of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy and Canada.

Lawson said he didn't expect the meetings to be "particularly eventful," primarily because of the upcoming US presidential election.

The dollar-West German mark level is "bang in the Louvre range," Lawson said. The yen was "higher" but "I think that is wholly appropriate given the Japanese economy's performance," he said. The chancellor said he was comfortable with the British pound's level, as well.

The G-7 has not specified what its exchange rate targets are.

Lawson said exchange rate stability has fostered business confidence around the world.

"Fortunately, the world economy has been performing very well indeed," Lawson said, "and it is set to continue to perform well."

Mubarak leaves on Thursday for Belgrade, London, Paris and Bonn where he will seek support for his attempts to tackle Egypt's economic problems.

He said his talks with European leaders would focus on the Middle East, the Gulf and bilateral economic co-operation.

Mubarak last week attacked the IMF as a "quack doctor" which prescribed "a huge dose of medicine in one go instead of a daily pill."

Meanwhile, a senior US Treasury official said yesterday, support is growing within the IMF for a plan to help countries in arrears with the fund to clear their overdue obligations.

Eliminating the arrears, which now exceed \$2.5 billion, would make the countries involved eligible for new loans from the fund and other international lending agencies.

If they are not tackled, the arrears could weaken the fund's financial position and its ability to deal with the debt crisis, the US official, briefing reporters ahead of the IMF annual meeting in West Berlin later this week, said.

Furthermore, the arrears were a "fundamental hurdle" that would have to be overcome before the United States could back an increase in the IMF's resources, which are now around \$115 billion, he added.

Largely because of US opposition, the IMF has already decided to postpone a decision on whether to increase quotas, or

subscriptions, until next year.

The arrears have increased since 1983 as a number of countries, squeezed between a rising foreign debt burden and falling export revenues, found themselves unable to keep up with their payments.

By the end of April, the end of the IMF's financial year, the arrears had climbed to \$2.52 billion, up from 1.54 billion a year earlier.

Nine countries were late with payments at the end of April, including Peru, Sudan and Zambia, according to the fund's annual report, published last week.

A few of them had allowed their arrears to accumulate to such an extent that "strong and determined efforts on their part, together with extraordinary support from the international community, will be necessary to clear the arrears and remain current in the future," the report said.

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American consumer prices rise 0.4pc

WASHINGTON, Sept 21, (AP) Higher costs for food, shelter and gasoline sent US consumer prices up 0.4 per cent in August, the government said today, as the effects of the drought in the farm belt began to ease.

The August increase, equivalent to an annual inflation rate of 5.2 per cent, was the same as in July. Higher rents and gasoline prices in large part replaced food as the sharpest spurs to higher prices.

Food and beverage prices were up 0.5 per cent last month, compared with 0.6 per cent and 0.9 per cent gains in June and July, respectively.

Shelter costs, reflecting higher rates for hotel and motel rooms, were up 0.6 per cent, the steepest gain in seven months.

Jumped
Energy prices jumped 0.9 per cent on a 3.0 per cent boost in gasoline prices, their sharpest gain in a year. The Labour Department said, however, that gasoline prices were still slightly below the level of August 1987 and were 26 per cent below their peak of March 1981.

The higher gasoline prices offset decreases for all household fuels. Heating oil costs were down 0.8 per cent; natural gas prices slipped 0.2 per cent.

The lower home energy prices somewhat offset 0.4 per cent increases in rents and repair expenses and a 0.5 per cent gain in mortgage costs.

Increases in the food, shelter and energy components accounted for over four-fifths of the

August advance in consumer prices," said the Labour Department.

Excluding those three areas, which account for two-thirds of the goods and services consumers spend money on, prices rose just 0.2 per cent last month, compared to a 0.3 per cent jump in July.

Climb
Grocery store prices continued to climb, but at a slower pace than in July. Those prices were up 0.8 per cent last month, compared with a 1.4 per cent jump in July. That had been their largest gain in 41 years.

About 90 per cent of the August advance was due to price increases for items that were adversely affected by the drought — fruits and vegetables, cereal and bakery products, poultry and eggs," the department said.

Fruit and vegetable prices rose 1.3 per cent after being up 2.9 per cent in the preceding month. They have jumped a total of 10.6 per cent over the last year.

Cereal and bakery product prices were up 1.6 per cent, reflecting higher prices for wheat, oats and eggs. The August increase was the largest since January 1981.

The government's calculation of prices for meats, poultry, fish and eggs rose 0.5 per cent as gains of 8.4 per cent for eggs and 2.1 per cent for poultry were partially offset by declines in the costs of beef, pork and seafood.

Restaurant meal prices gained 0.3 per cent while alcoholic beverage prices jumped 0.1 per cent.

Commonwealth fund would help ease Third World debt crisis

LIMASSOL, Cyprus, Sept 21, (Reuters) Commonwealth finance ministers are poised to give the go-ahead for a fund with an initial target of \$100 million to help ease the debt crisis facing their poorer members.

The proposed fund which would channel private investment into emerging stock markets of the 49-nation association has won broad approval at the ministers' annual talks in Cyprus ahead of this year's IMF/World Bank meetings in West Berlin.

"We hope to be given the go-ahead to look in detail at how the fund should be set up," said Vince Cable, special adviser at the Commonwealth secretariat and one of the authors of a report "Mobilising Capital for Development: The Role of Private Flows."

The fund, a key element in the Commonwealth's strategy for easing the poorer members' debt crisis, won the strong backing of Cypriot President George Vassiliou in his opening address to the ministers on Tuesday evening.

Delegates said it was expected to be endorsed in a communique due to be released at the end of talks on Thursday.

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The need for new ideas has become more urgent following a sharp decline in commercial bank lending to the Third World and a warning by the Washington-based Institute of International Finance earlier this month banks no longer had the capacity nor the willingness to meet their share of financing needs.

But Cable told Reuters that soundings with institutional investors had suggested fresh private capital could be attracted into an equity fund mixing various commonwealth stock markets.

"There may have to be a mix between shares in countries where there are large companies and developed exchanges, but the majority would be in emerging markets," he said.

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World Business Summary

IFAD approves \$73.5m for agricultural projects

ROME, Sept 21, (Reuters) The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) said today it had approved loans of \$73.5 million for new projects aimed at helping farmers and fishermen in the Third World. More than a third of the money will finance a joint development project between Algeria and Tunisia to halt ecological erosion, while boosting agricultural and animal production. IFAD said in a statement. Algeria will get \$14 million and Tunisia \$12 million for the project. The UN agency also approved \$10.5 million for a project aimed at helping women in the east region of South Yemen. Guinea is to receive a loan of \$14.9 million for an agricultural rehabilitation project at Fouta Djallon and Lesotho will get 7.73 million for soil and water conservation programmes. IFAD's executive board, which approved the loans, also recommended a programme of work and a budget for 1989 of \$302.1 million for its regular programme and \$8.4 million for its special Africa project. These will be submitted to the fund's governing council for approval.

Strauss sees need to cut social security, defence

WASHINGTON, Sept 21, (AP) The nation's budget deficit problems will not be solved without reductions in social security and defence spending, a co-chairman of the National Economic Commission said today. Washington Attorney General Robert Strauss said the commission, which he heads with former Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, is not underestimating the formidable challenge facing the group. The commission was created by Congress to recommend ways for the next president to balance the federal budget. While Democrat presidential candidate Michael Dukakis has indicated a willingness to listen to the group's recommendations, Republican George Bush has vowed to ignore expected calls for a tax increase. Strauss said that such politically potent government programmes as social security, Medicare and other entitlement programmes and defence spending will have to take cuts, since they account for 68 per cent of federal spending. "We have to go to social security, Medicare and entitlements generally and we have to go to defence," Strauss said, saying the commission realised the political firestorm such suggestions will create. "That means you are withholding money from the sick, the elderly and the defence of the nation," he said. Strauss said the group probably will recommend a four-or-five-year plan to eliminate the deficit, which is expected to total an estimated \$152 billion this year. Strauss said top priority will be given to spending cuts and only after they are exhausted would the commission look at possible tax increases. Strauss made his remarks before a group of economic advisers for both Bush and Dukakis, who have been meeting in a public conference to examine the top economic problems which will face the next president. His comments marked the most detailed discussion yet of where the commission is headed. The 12-member panel is searching for a bipartisan plan to attack the budget deficits, hoping to complete its work by Dec 21 in time to be incorporated in the first budget submitted by the new president. Strauss said he believes it is essential to keep the commission's deliberations out of the current presidential debate.

S. Korea hopes for up to \$1.5b of sales at trade fairs

SEOUL, South Korea, Sept 21, (AP) Enjoying maximum publicity from the Olympics, South Korea is hoping for up to \$1.5 billion of sales at international trade shows in Seoul this fall. The Korea Trade Promotion Corp. said today the Seoul International Trade Fair '88 will be held on Oct 20-30 at the Korea Exhibition Centre, with nearly 500 companies, including 181 from 31 foreign countries, displaying products. The state-run Promotion Corporation is sponsoring the fair at the four-story centre with a combined space of 192,000 square metres close to the main Olympic stadium in the southern sector of the capital. Korea officials said some 4,000 prospective buyers were expected to visit the fair and buy up to \$600 million in export and import contracts. Besides traditional buyers from the United States and Japan, many businessmen from Communist countries are slated to visit the fair this year, the officials said. South Korea recently began opening trade ties with Hungary, China and other communist countries. The Electronic Industries Association of Korea said the 9th annual Korea electronics show will be held on Oct 21-26 at the nearby annex exhibition building. Association officials said 475 companies from 18 countries are scheduled to display products in the electronics show, and Korean exhibitors hope about \$900 million of exports will result. Hundreds of foreign business executives are in Seoul for the Olympic Games, which end Oct 2. They were invited by Korean businessmen eager to develop stronger business ties. An international furniture fair also is scheduled for the main exhibition centre in early November.

European airlines passenger traffic growth quickens

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Sept 21 (AP) European airlines registered a 5.2 per cent increase in passenger traffic in July on their global routes compared with the year-earlier month, according to the Association of European Airlines (AEA). The July result was an improvement on a "poor second quarter," the 21-member AEA said. The AEA said its member airlines carried 8.3 per cent more passengers on European routes in July compared with a year earlier. The number of passengers carried on the North Atlantic rose only 2.9 per cent but this was an improvement on June when there was a fractional decrease on that route. Traffic to the Far East rose 6 per cent, below historical growth trends but a better than in recent months, the AEA said. There also was a revival in carryings to Africa, where traffic rose 8.4 per cent in July. For the first seven months of 1988, the AEA carried 7.4 per cent more passengers on global routes compared with the corresponding year-earlier period. The increase included a 10.5 per cent rise in carryings in Europe. The AEA said that the amount of freight carried by its members continued to fluctuate. In July, freight traffic was up 7.3 per cent, the second lowest increase of the year, and up 10.2 per cent for the first seven months of 1988.

Asia's oil market is growing

SINGAPORE, Sept 21, (AP) Asia is fast becoming one of the world's major oil markets, consuming about 11 million barrels daily, the president of Mobil Oil Corp. said today. Oil demand from Japan in the North and India in the West to New Zealand in the South is growing at a rate of 6 per cent a year due to the region's booming economies, Richard F. Tucker told delegates at the Asia-Pacific oil conference. "Overall energy growth in the Asia-Pacific region is expected to continue at high rates into the 1990s. This contrasts with rest of the world in which energy demand has slowed or declined," he said. Growing prosperity and expanding commerce mean more vehicles on the roads, he noted. Air traffic, commercial transportation, mechanisation of agriculture and household use of liquefied petroleum gas are also increasing, Tucker said. Expansion and modernisation of existing refineries and construction of new ones are under way in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, South Korea, Taiwan, India and China, he said. In contrast, oil refinery in the United States and Europe have been declining. "I would guess that crude oil prices will fluctuate between \$15 to \$18 per barrel for the next couple of years," he added. China may have to import oil to meet the needs of its rapidly expanding economy, Tucker said, although "China does have the long-range potential for discovery and development of large petroleum reserves, particularly in the northwest, where geologists believe the largest unexplored sedimentary basin in the world is located."

OPEC Fund chief urges growth strategy for Third World

VIENNA, Sept 21, (AP) OPEC Fund chief Abdulai said today that the OPEC Fund's strategy for Third World development should be to focus on growth and productivity, rather than on social services and infrastructure.

Abdulai, who leaves for Paris today to attend this week's meetings of OPEC's concessional assistance arm, the Development Assistance Committee (DAC), and the co-ordination group formed by a number of development institutions from North and South, made these remarks in an interview with OPECNA.

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unless steps were taken to enable these states to resume economic growth and become productive, little success would result.

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Abdulai said the theme of the meetings would be "Human capital and the creation of employment in rural areas in developing countries" and structural adjustment and related issues.

The OPEC Fund chief said the meetings would also exchange information on selected projects, past project experience and future outlook.

Abdulai will also attend the 52nd meeting of the inter-governmental "Group of 24" on international monetary affairs in West Berlin on Friday as well as the 39th ministerial meeting of the Inter-Governmental Group of 24 on Saturday.

At the weekend, he will also attend meetings of the heads of multilateral financial institutions and development commit-

tee — the joint ministerial body of the board of governors of the World Bank and IMF — on resource transfers to developing countries.

Capability
Responding to a question on heavily indebted developing countries, Abdulai said this issue had been on the agenda since 1982 and there was no way it could be solved unless the affected countries were given the capability to increase production through fresh flows of concessional assistance and other helpful measures.

"What these countries receive in development funds goes to servicing debts," he said, adding "financing institutions should create growth, which is slowing down."

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22-23, 1988

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	201.0
ABBAY LFE	311/0	
ADT LTD	128/0	
ALD LYONS	414/0	
AMSTRAD	202/0	
ARGYLL GP	174/0	
ASDA GP	144/0	
BAA	255/5	
BTR	287/0	
BAT JMS	433/0	
BARCLAYS	398/0	
BASS	750/0	
BEAZER	172/0	
BECHAMS	461/0	
BERICHOV	377/0	
BICC PLC	362/0	
BLUE ARRY	91/0	
BLUE CIRC	431/0	
BUC GP	401/0	
BOOTS CO	217/0	
BPP INDOS	247/0	
BR COM	218/0	
BR AIRWAY	153/0	
BR AEROSP	455/0	
BR GAS RG	167/0	
BR GAS RT	165/0	
BR LAND	125/0	
B.P.	248/0	
B.P.PP	148/0	
BR TELCOM	235/0	
BURMAN OL	519/0	
BURTON	201/0	
CABLESWIT	207/0	
CADBURYS	178/0	
COATS VTY	337/0	
COMS GOLD	395/0	
COOKSON	258/0	
COURTAULD	256/0	
DALEST	125/0	
DEE CP	172/0	
DIXONS	155/0	
ENG CHINA	477/0	
ENTER OIL	650/0	
FBI BARCK	129/0	
FERRANT	88/0	
GEN ACCIO	872/0	
GEN ELEC	153/0	
GLAXO	045/0	
GLOBE	140/0	
GLYNED	289/0	
GRAND MET	487/0	
GUARD RYL	188/0	
GUN	323/0	
GUINNESS	307/0	
HARRISON A	621/0	
HARRISON B	42/0	
HARRISON C	630/0	
HARRISON D	519/0	
HILLSDOWN	264/0	
ICI	016/0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	730/0	729/0
600 GROUP	108/0	108/0
A.AMER TS	355/0	356/0
A.B.ELECT	415/0	414/0
A.S.V.MLD	179/0	180/0
AAB KENT	72/0	72/0
AAR HLD	253/0	253/0
AARNSON	113/0	112/0
ADDISON	35/0	36/0
ADVEST	311/0	312/0
ALEX WIKM	153/0	153/0
ALEXON	350/0	350/0
ALLD COLL	123/0	123/0
ALLD IR B	223/0	222/0
ALLD LND	116/0	116/0
ALLD PLMT	54/0	55/0
ALLIANCE	823/0	827/0
AMBER DAY	48/0	48/0
AMEC	362/0	363/0
AMER TST	129/0	129/0
AMERSHAM	573/0	573/0
AMT HLTHC	245/0	245/0
ANGLIA TV	175/0	174/0
ANSBACHER	83/0	82/0
APPLEYARD	457/0	455/0
APV PLC	114/0	114/0
ASHLEY LA	106/0	106/0
ATLANTIC CN	493/0	493/0
ATKINSON	268/0	267/0
AUS REE A	200/0	200/0
AUTO SECS	67/0	68/0
AVDEL PLC	339/0	339/0
AVIS EUR	704/0	705/0
AVON RUBB	704/0	705/0
B.WEJILL	177/0	176/0
BAILL JAP	458/0	461/0
BAILL SHI	80/0	81/0
BAIRD (N)	230/0	231/0
BANK IRE	221/0	222/0
BANKER IT	71/0	73/0
BARKER DO	134/0	134/0
BARRY DEV	166/0	166/0
BAYNES C	28/0	29/0
BBA GROUP	162/0	164/0
BEAR B	4/0	4/0
BEAR BRND	10/0	10/0
BEATTIE J	145/0	146/0
BEJAM GP	151/0	152/0
BELHAVEN	57/0	59/0
BELLWAY	225/0	226/0
BERKLEY	210/0	210/0
BENLOX HD	52/0	53/0
BERKELEY	283/0	282/0
BHAM MINT	407/0	406/0
BHM GROUP	90/0	100/0
BK OF SCO	356/0	358/0
BLCK LE 2	12/0	12/0
BONNET + F	35/0	35/0
BOISE MAS	228/0	229/0
BODDINGTN	150/0	151/0
BODY SHOP	580/0	575/0

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 IND	1443.8	1429.9	1418.6	1485.2
FT 500 SHR	1001.9	1001.9	996.0	957.6
FT ALL SEC	918.57	918.57	912.59	963.01
FT GOV SEC	87.07	87.07	86.50	88.49
FT GOV HM	168.1	168.1	164.4	302.1
FT MINES F	525.72	525.72	526.46	517.46
FT OIL	1737.3	1737.3	1755.7	1834.0
FT MLD DLR	124.51	125.03	124.83	126.05
FT MLD STG	109.49	110.43	110.53	109.51
FT MLD LOC	114.67	115.14	115.31	115.44

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS OFF HIGHS IN LATE PROFIT-TAKING
LONDON, SEPT 21, REUTER - EQUITY PRICES WERE OFF THE DAY'S HIGHS IN LATE TRADING AS THE EARLIER SPECULATIVE SURGE PROMPTED BY MINORCO'S HUGE BID FOR CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS RAN INTO PROFIT-TAKING.

AT 1432 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS 21.8 POINTS UP AT 1,793.9 AFTER A HIGH OF 1,797.9. DEALERS NOTED SOME DEFINITE RESISTANCE TOWARD THE 1,800 LEVEL.

MINORCO'S 1,366 PER SHARE BID, WHICH VALUES MINING FINANCIAL GROUP CONSOLIDATED AT SOME 2.9 BILLION STG, SPARKED A MAJOR REVALUATION OF RESOURCE STOCKS IN GENERAL AND HELPED REKINDLE INTEREST IN OTHER PERENNIAL BID TARGETS.

HOWEVER, DEALERS SAID THERE WAS A SPECULATIVE NATURE BEHIND NEARLY ALL THE DOUBLE FIGURE RISES AMONG THE LEADING STOCKS. ONE SAID THAT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, INSTITUTIONS WERE PREPARED TO SIT ON THE FENCE WHEN THE FTSE WAS AT 1,720. "WHERE SPECULATION ISN'T GOING TO JUSTIFY BUYING IN AT 1,795," THE DEALER SAID.

DEALERS SAID WALL STREET'S INABILITY TO SUSTAIN A MARGINAL OPENING GAIN DESPITE A LOWER THAN EXPECTED 0.4 PCT RISE IN THE U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALSO GAVE THE MARKET PAUSE FOR THOUGHT.

London Gold

LONDON, SEPT 21, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES POSTED THE LOWEST CLOSE IN 19 MONTHS, ALTHOUGH THEY MANAGED TO CLIMB BACK ABOVE THE 400 DOLLAR LEVEL.

GOLD ENDED AT 601.75/402.25 DOLLARS PER OUNCE, DOWN 8.25 DOLLARS FROM YESTERDAY AND THE LOWEST CLOSE SINCE FEBRUARY 20, 1987.

DEALERS SAID THE OVERHEATING BEARISH SENTIMENT IN THE MARKET STEMMED MAINLY FROM INFLATION EXPECTATIONS.

A COMMENT YESTERDAY BY GERMAN BUNDESBANK PRESIDENT KARL OTTO POHLER THAT INFLATION PRESSURES ARE WAVING UNDERSCORED THE GENERAL BELIEF THAT RECENT INTEREST RATE RISES WILL CURB UPWARD PRESSURE ON PRICES.

London Money Market

LONDON, SEPT 21, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES HELD A FIRMER BIAS IN LATE TRADING BUT WERE BELOW THE DAY'S PEAK LEVELS. DEALERS SAID STERLING'S STABILITY AFTER A WEAK OPENING HELPED RATES TRIM THEIR EARLIER GAINS.

TRADERS SAID THE MARKET HAD RESUMED ITS CAUTIOUSLY QUIET TONE AFTER YESTERDAY'S FLURRY OF ACTIVITY WHICH SAW FALLS OF AS MUCH AS 1/4 POINT IN RESPONSE TO U.K. MONEY SUPPLY AND BANK LENDING DATA FOR AUGUST WHICH WERE BETTER THAN EXPECTED OVERALL.

THEY SAID THE FALLS YESTERDAY WERE OVERDONE, HOWEVER. THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE REACHED A HIGH OF 12-3/16 1/16 PCT BEFORE FALLING BACK TO 12-1/8 1/2, A NET GAIN OF 1/16 POINT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPEN
DLR	1.6760/65	1.8735/45	6.3670/90	NOON
STG	1.6760/70	3.1405/40	10.6730/6860	NOON
DMK	1.8707/87	3.135/149	29.335/495	FIX
FFR	6.3645/3765	10.671/689	339.58/40.22	FIX
SFR	1.5825/5835	2.6531/6563	84.40-50	24.84-87
HFL	2.1140	3.5450	112.795	33.18
ECU	1.10648	.659993	2.07376	7.04705
SDR	1.29346	0.771294	2.41942	8.21800
YEN	134.12/23	224.81/5.13		
SDR RATES	20/09/1988	OTHERS	21/09/1988	

BOOTH HENR	382/0	381/0
BORTHWICK	53/0	54/0
BR ARROW	103/0	103/0
BR ASSETS	65/0	66/0
BR DREDG	130/0	130/0
BR VITA	225/0	225/0
BRENT CHE	127/0	128/0
BRENT WCR	366/0	366/0
BRIDON	160/0	160/0
BRITAIN SE	174/0	175/0
BRITANNIC	346/0	347/0
BRITON E	317/0	318/0
BRYANT GP	126/0	126/0
BSS INTL	65/0	62/0
BSK INTL	66/0	67/0
BULLOUGH	458/0	458/0
BULMER HP	159/0	160/0
CALCENDONIA	347/0	347/0
CALOR GRP	374/0	375/0
CAMB ELEC	227/0	228/0
CAMPFORD	192/0	193/0
CANNING U	209/0	209/0
CANNON ST	265/0	265/0
CAP GROUP	301/0	301/0
CARADON	344/0	344/0
CARADON	317/0	317/0
CARLON EN	145/0	144/0
CATER ALL	609/0	605/0
CATER ALL	333/0	330/0
CATTLE HD	65/0	65/0
CAULDON	10/0	10/0
CENTL ITV	512/0	510/0
CHAM PHRR	145/0	144/0
CHARTERNA	20/0	20/0
CHAS CHUR	103/0	103/0
CHLORIDE	52/0	53/0
CHRISTIES	520/0	521/0
CI GROUP	47/0	47/0
CIT SEC	49/0	49/0
CHTRY OIL	171/0	171/0
COATES BR	315/0	315/0
COLLINS A	447/0	445/0
COLLINS W	530/0	533/0
COLLOROLL	173/0	173/0
COMBELL	265/0	265/0
COSTANT	303/0	304/0
COURTIS A	221/0	222/0
COURTIS FR	310/0	315/0
CREST NIC	210/0	210/0
CRI	128/0	128/0
CRODA INT	183/0	183/0
CRYSTAL	149/0	149/0
CTRY PROP	245/0	245/0
DARES EST	28/0	28/0
DAVIS GGP	154/0	153/0
DAVY CORP	149/0	149/0
DE LA RUE	491/0	493/0
DELTA GRP	273/0	273/0
DEVENISH	317/0	317/0
DIPLOMA	207/0	207/0
DORSON PK	95/0	95/0
DOUGLAS R	276/0	276/0
DOUGLAS R	56/0	56/0
DOVY CORP	205/0	206/0
DRAYTON C	455/0	458/0
DRG	454/0	454/0
DURKESIDE	73/0	73/0
DUNDEE LD	286/0	288/0
DUNHILL	211/0	212/0
EAGLE TST	14/0	14/0
EDIN I.T	149/0	150/0
ELECTROCH	192/0	192/0
ELLIS EVA	165/0	166/0
EMAP	192/0	192/0
EMPIRE ST	242/0	243/0
ERA GROUP	79/0	80/0
EURO.HOME	311/0	310/0
EUROTHERM	379/0	379/0
EURLIT UL	304/0	303/0
EURLIT UL	19/0	19/0
EVOLVE GRP	172/0	173/0
EXPANET	181/0	181/0
F&C ENTER	27/0	27/0
F&C EURGT	213/0	213/0
F&C PACIF	132/0	133/0
F&C SHILLR	70/0	71/0
FALCON	102/0	100/0
FARNELL E	147/0	146/0
FED. HOUN	248/0	248/0
FENNER JH	154/0	153/0
FERGUSON	260/0	261/0
FILMAN GP	81/0	81/0
FITLAY J	109/0	110/0
FITCH LOV	267/0	268/0
FLANG ARUP	119/0	120/0
FLANG F.E	178/0	179/0
FLANG INV	135/0	136/0
FLANG JAPH	199/0	200/0
FLANG MERC	172/0	173/0
GEEST	265/0	266/0
GIL INTL	115/0	115/0
GERDMAT	270/0	270/0
GETSTNER	194/0	194/0
GPE	52/0	51/0
GRANPH HD	275/0	275/0
GREEN KIG	456/0	455/0
GREENLL W	218/0	219/0
GREYCOAT	366/0	366/0
GRYP TAT	46/0	45/0
GT PRITLD	334/0	334/0
GUINNESS	124/0	125/0
GUS ORD	680/0	700/0
GVT ATL	128/0	129/0
GVT STRA	220/0	221/0
H.MLD DIS	109/0	108/0
HALL (N)	130/0	131/0
HALLMA	180/0	180/0
HANMERSON	208/0	209/0
HANMERSON	649/0	650/0
HANMERSON	477/0	477/0
HANMERSON	221/0	221/0
HEATH(CP)	405/0	405/0
HELENE CE	33/0	33/0
HELICAL B	294/0	296/0
HEPMORTH	225/0	226/0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	308.0	306.3	310.1	305.2
AUSTRIA	226.3	226.2	225.7	215.4
BELGIUM	409.5	403.2	398.1	260.2
CANADA	353.3	352.8	353.6	375.1
DENMARK	442.3	439.4	436.3	336.6
FRANCE	381.1	381.1	380.5	370.5
GERMANY	193.6	193.9	191.5	156.6
HONG KONG	1788.1	1801.9	1807.3	1644.3
FINLAND	112.0	114.0	116.4	108.1
ITALY	415.9	417.6	411.5	402.3
JAPAN	1263.1	1279.4	1278.0	1269.9
NETHERLANDS	257.9	258.0	260.8	215.9
NEW ZEAL	93.0	93.6	95.6	98.9
NORWAY	588.2	601.0	603.5	392.4
SPAIN	247.4	249.2	248.1	209.5
SWEDEN	94.6	94.3	95.1	85.8
SWITZ	159.0	159.8	158.1	140.7
U.K.	534.8	531.3	532.6	515.7
U.S.A.	248.6	248.0	249.5	229.4
WORLD	439.8	441.7	441.6	408.0
E.A.F.E.	817.5	823.9	821.1	757.5

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International Bond Highlights

Tokyo—Rohm Co Ltd will issue 20 billion yen in 10-year convertible bonds in a public offering here, a spokesman for the semiconductor maker said. (RTXH 0908)

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-1/16	6-7/16
3 months	6-1/16	6-7/16
6 months	6-1/16	6-7/16

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	68.50	68	69	NICO	640	632.50	640
ACC	262	264.50	263	GNFC	51.50	51.50	51	MUKAM	93	93	96
ASIA PAINT	175	175	175	GSPC	108	108	108	NOCIL	665	655	665
BAJAJ AUTO	287.50	287.50	290	HIND LEVER	73	73	73	PEICO	35.50	36	32.75
BAR-RAYON	300	300	300	HINDALCO	107.50	107	106	PFIZER	28.50	29	30
BOM.DYING	117.50	119	119	HTIDCOCCA	105	103.75	99	PRE.AUTO	63.50	62	61
BRE INDEX	104	103	104	HINDMOTOR	27.25	27.50	26.50	RAYMOND	34.75	35.50	33
BSE INDIA	643.87		636.20	IND ORG	33.50	33	31.50	RELJANCE	58	58	59
CENTURYSPB	1032.5	1035	1040	INDRAYON	68.50	67.50	69.50	SIEMENS	190	190	195
COLGATE	263.75	263.75	266.25	INDROL	210	213.25	213.25	SPIC	85	86	85
DEEPAKFERT	41	41	40.50	ITC	50.50	51	50	STDMILLS	47.50	47.50	48
EL.NOTEL	52	51	52	JKSYNTH	74.50	74	75.50	TATA PUR	275	277	272.50
ESKAYEP	136.25	136.25	135	L AND T	123.50	126	123.50	TATACHEM	242.50	237.50	242.50
ESSAR	19	20	19.75	MAHINDRA	73	75	80	TELCO	81.25	82.50	83
GAE POLY	77.50	77	77	MATERSHR	10.70	10.50	10.50	TISCO	735	737	737.50
GENSHIP	32	32.50	32.25	MATHER PL	57	58.75	57.50	VOLTA	907.50	915	911.25
									460	462	445

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR	CLOSE
ALFA ROMEO	203.25	203.25
ALCANTARA	1668.00	1653.00
BADENWERTH	177.5	179.30
BASF	276.5	273.0
BAYER	306.5	304.5
BAYER HYP	370.0	362.0
BAYER VER.	361.0	357.0
BBC	319.0	316.5
BNF	443.0	442.0
BNM	514.5	505.0
COMPERZBK	248.5	243.5
CONTI GUMMI	259.4	257.3
DAIHER BEN	715.0	700.5
DEUTSCH BANK	527.0	515.0
DIETZ	388.0	385.0
EDMUNDSPARK	292.0	287.0
FAZ INDEX	518.40	513.00
FELDMUELLER	289.5	287.3
GOLDSCHEID	302.0	299.0
HARPERNE	425.0	425.0
HOECHST AG	296.3	294.9
HOESCH	158.5	156.4
HORTEN	210.0	209.0
MUSSEL HLD	460.0	451.0
KALI SALZ	165.0	163.2
KARSTADT	457.8	457.5
KRAUFOE	388.0	383.5
KLOCKE H	137.0	137.5
KLOCKE W	110.2	104.0
LYNDE	701.0	705.0
LUFTHANSA	147.8	146.0
MAN	214.8	211.2
MANMANN	180.0	179.0
MERCEDES	583.0	570.0
METALLGES	304.0	301.0
NIKKORF PD	440.8	439.0
NOXORR HY	57.20	55.60
PHILIP KOM	621.0	624.8
PORSCHE	564.0	555.0
PREUSSAG	179.0	174.0
PWA	237.5	234.2
RHEINMETAL	299.0	298.0
RUE P	238.0	237.5
RUE P	217.5	216.5
SALAMANDER	283.5	278.0
SCHERING	533.0	525.0
SEL	292.0	292.0
SIEMENS	471.5	463.8
THYSEN	163.0	160.0
VARTA	295.0	289.0
VEBA	270.0	265.9
VEW	159.5	159.5
VOLKSWAGEN	263.3	259.3

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C N TUNBEL	15.40	15.30
CHUNG K	6.95	6.90
CHINA GAS	15.90	15.70
CHINA L-P	15.50	15.50
CHINA MOTR	21.80	20.60
COSMO PROP	2.80	2.80
EVERSO IND	4.89	4.88
FAR EAST C	.66	.67
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	8.45	8.45
H S INDEX	423.23	423.23
HANG LUNG	4.80	4.77
HONG KONG	26.80	26.90
HOUL PAC BR	9.70	9.70
HK HUL PAC CO	7.05	7.05
HK KOW CO	7.65	7.50
HK LAND CO	7.85	7.85
HK SHAN BK	5.90	5.90
HK SHAN NT	4.35	4.35
HK TELE CO	5.05	5.10
IRUTCH UNAM	11.10	8.05
IND EQ PAC	8.70	12.50
JARDINE M	12.60	12.50
KOWALD M	8.45	8.40
NEN WORLD	10.40	10.40
PAUL Y CON	2.67	2.62
REALTY DEV	6.85	6.85
S H K CO	1.80	1.78
S N K PROP	10.10	10.00
SINE DARBY	2.30	2.30
STELUX PFC	2.70	2.67
STELUX MFG	16.80	16.90
SWIRE PAC	13.20	12.80
T V S CO	3.50	3.50
TAI CHEUNG	1.51	1.52
UNION BANK	0	7.25
WUOCK HARD	0	1.15
WUOCK HART	0	3.60
WUOCK INTL	3.65	3.60

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER ON BARGAIN-HUNTING

CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE SHARP FALLS IN TOKYO BECAUSE OF THE
HEALTH PROBLEMS OF JAPAN'S EMPEROR HIROHITO.

HONG KONG, SEPT 21, REUTER - STOCKS CLOSED SLIGHTLY HIGHER

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JOR LEASING CORP.	0.59	0.58
JOR LIM BRICK	0.20	0.20

	OPNG	CLSG	JOR MARG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.19	1.18	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.57	2.57
ARAB ALUMINIUM INT.	1.71	1.73	JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.21	3.25
ARAB BANK	108.2	108.7	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.50	2.50
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.80	3.60	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.23	1.23
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.38	1.40	JOR PRINTING/PUBLIS.	2.00	2.15
ARAB INSURANCE	0.89	0.88	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.08
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.98	0.98	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.74	0.74
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90	0.90	JOR SECURIT CORP	0.75	0.75
ARAB INT. UNION INFS	0.53	0.58	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.69	2.69
ARAB INT. UNION INFS	0.12	0.10	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.17	1.16
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	0.28	0.28	JOR WORSTED MLL	4.64	4.60
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	1.91	1.91	JOR KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
ARAB PHARMA./MAIF.	0.76	0.75	JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.66	7.67
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	---	---	JOR. FRENCH INFS.	4.55	4.55
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65	1.65	JOR. INV. FRN. CORP	2.03	2.05
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	15.02	15.00	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.30	0.29
BANK OF JORDAN	1.00	0.95	JORDAN DAIRY	0.95	0.95
BELGIUM INSURANCE	28.00	28.00	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.18	1.17
CATRO AMMAN BANK	1.05	1.25	JORDAN INFS.	0.94	0.95
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	0.72	0.68	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	1.66	1.67	JORDAN ISLAMIC BKG	1.65	1.61
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	0.49	0.49	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.37	1.36
DARFAR/INVEST/HOUS.	0.56	0.56	JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
DARFAR/CREDIT/ICR	3.55	3.95	LIVESTOCK/REPLYR	0.68	0.65
DARFAR/CHRGERS OFT	2.39	2.63	MACH/EQUI/RENT/MAIN	0.77	0.77
GENERAL INSURANCE	1.33	1.31	MS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.30	1.30	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
GENERAL MINING.	0.75	0.75	MIDDEL EAST INS.	60.00	60.00
GHINIMIN MINERALS	1.40	1.35	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
HOLY LAND INS.	0.66	0.65	MAT.FIN. INVEST CO	1.71	1.71
INDO./MATCH JENCO	1.51	1.50	MAT/CABEL/UTRE/ME	1.00	0.90
INDSTR. DEVLPT BANK	1.16	1.15	NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.22	1.25
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.39	0.38
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.18	0.19	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.68	0.67
IRABID ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86	NATIONAL STEEL	2.47	2.47
ISRAELI UNIV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	1.28	1.27	PETRA BANK	1.90	1.90
J.TOUR-SF COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PETRA JOR. INFS.	0.35	0.35
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.82	0.87
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.25	14.00	RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
JOR CERAMIC FACTS	1.22	1.21	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	SHIPPING LINES	0.85	0.85
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.64	1.63	SPINNING WEAVING	0.89	0.87
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.03	1.02	THE HOUSING BANK	1.92	1.91
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.88	0.88	UNITED INSURANCE	0.96	0.96
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30	UNIVERSAL CHEN.IND	1.54	1.51
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.	1.65	1.65	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.69	0.69
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.68	0.68
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.05	1.10

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COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	69.00	69.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.43	.43
LC-A	9.30	9.40	9.30	LC-B	.43	.44
ANS	2.34	2.36	2.36	PX-A	.31	.32
FER-A	2.10	2.14	2.16	PX-B	.32	.33
GLO	32.00	32.50	32.00	OIL SECTOR		
PLDT	212.00	215.00	211.00	BP-A	.014	.015
CPSI-A	2.10	2.26		BP-B	.014	.015
SMC-A	140.00	141.00	141.00	LRC-A	.0028	.0032
SMC-B	226.00	227.00	226.00	LRC-B	.003	.0032
MINING SECTOR				OPM-A	.029	.03
	.024	.025	.024	OPM-B	.03	.031
MPK-B	.024	.025		OV-A	.026	.027
AT-A	18.50	18.75	18.75	OV-B	.027	.028

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SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM-IND.	489,260	8,986,860	866.25	1.47 DN
NONFMS	8,627,700	1,312,625	4,083.22	28.31 DN
OIL	167,600,000	2,455,800	4.960	0.142 DN
TOTAL	176,716,960	12,755,285	730.28	8.00 DN

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COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	69.50				
CMC-A	141.00	142.00	140.00	BC-B	83.00	90.00			
CMC-B	226.00	228.00	226.00	LC-A	.43	.44			
CD-TIRE		34.50	35.50	LC-B	.43	.44		.44	
PLDT	212.00	213.00	212.00	ZIP	.01	.011		.011	
UNSCOR-A	2.34	2.36	2.36	OIL SECTOR					
LC-A	9.30	9.40	9.40	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		
LO	31.50	32.50		BP-A	.014	.015	.015		
ER-A	2.04	2.10	2.10	BP-B	.014	.015	.015		
ER-B	2.22	2.24	2.26	LRC-A	.003	.0032	.003		
MINING SECTOR									
				LRC-B	.003	.0032	.0032		
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPW-A	.029	.03	.031		
TPX-A	.024	.025	.025	OPW-B	.031	.032	.032		
TPX-B	.024	.025	.025	OV-A	.027	.028	.027		
IT-A	18.25	18.50	18.50	OV-B	.028	.029	.028		
IT-B	21.00	22.00		TA	.019	.02	.02		

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SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I542,770	6,184,240	870.00	UP 0.46
MINING	.68,887,400	2,700,700	3986.24	UP 23.10
OILS	175,900,000	2,696,970	5.306	DN 0.047
TOTAL	245,330,170	11,581,910	742.05	DN 0.77

NAME	LAST PR	CL 16	LUMBER	103	101	L & H GRP	113
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UINOMOTO	200	G U TOWN	110	M FEEDMIL	34
ALEXANDRA	185	G U HDLGS	102	M FLOOR	310
IND	92	GANDA HDG	32	M GLASS	209
IND	92	GND CORP	68	M TN PRT	55
IND	184	180 GENTING	510	498 M UTD IND	144
IND	135	134 GOLD COCN	196	N UTD MFG	64
IND	370	336 ST	109	108 M'SHITA	625
IND	137	137 GUTNESS	296	295 M'MATA	62
IND	250	253 GULA	285	28.5 MAGNUM	214
IND	585	595 H L IND.	162	159 MALEX IND	380
IND	89	872 HARTMAN	93	93 MCB HDLGS	82
IND	88	88 HAM PAR	318	318 METAL BOX	412
IND	85	85 HEKZA	73	74 MTC BND	340
IND	53	53 HUME IND	165	168 MULTIPURP	65
IND	53	53 INSAS	32.5	32 MURATA	60
IND	505	509 INT WOOD	76	76 NAKELASTPR CL	
IND	29	29 INTRACO	259	256 NATL TRON	494
IND	160	156 ISETAN	725	720 NLT LTD	140
IND	362	3 J SHIPWAY	312	306 PROMET	52
IND	208	208 JC-MPH	81.5	81.5 PROMY ELEC	98
IND	100	100 JOHAN HDG	43	42.5 S BUS	338
IND		K G RDLGS	125	S PACIFIC	314
IND	30	K KELLAS	220	S PRESS	715
IND	212	212 KAMUNTING	100	S PRESS F	715
IND	735	735 KAMUNTA A	73.5	74 S SHIP	328
IND	67	67 KE SANG	120	S'WANG H	188
IND	560	560 KECK SENG	168	168 SAMANDA	121
IND	248	248 KENTUCKY	220	220 SANDA	110
IND	65	65 KEPPEL	273	270 SHELL ORD	500
IND	72	72 KG FLOOR	205	205 ST TNSHP	161

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ON TUESDAY'S 18.5 MIN.

Currency rates

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	1.060	1.060	1.060	1.060	215000	17
-GULF BANK	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.425	380000	19
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.325	0.325	0.325	0.320	1470000	53
-AMLI BANK	0.385	0.385	0.385	0.380	610000	30
-B.K.M.E	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
-K.B.E.B	0.420	0.400	0.400	0.400	30000	3
-BURBAN BANK	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	790000	29
-C.F.HOUSE	0.530	0.530	0.530	0.520	250000	13
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KWT INV. CO.	0.158	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-K.I.L.C.	0.150	0.152	0.152	0.152	20000	1
-CON.FACILITIES	0.490	0.495	0.500	0.495	150000	11
-AMLIAN INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-I.F.A.	0.100	---	---	---	---	---
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.104	---	---	---	---	---
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-GULF INSURANCE	0.730	---	---	---	---	---
-BURBAN INS. CO.	0.570	---	---	---	---	---
-AMLIAN INS. CO.	0.580	---	---	---	---	---
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.450	---	---	---	---	---
REAL EST SECTOR						
-R.E. EST. CO.	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.236	200000	8
-UMT R.E. ST. CO.	0.108	---	---	---	---	---
-M.R. EST. CO.	0.214	0.212	0.212	0.212	20000	1
-SALHIAN R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT PROJECTS	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	640000	8
-KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.560	0.520	0.520	0.520	5000	1
-KWT M.P. IND.	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
-REF. IND. CO.	0.415	0.425	0.425	0.425	200000	5
-H.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF CABLE	1.090	---	---	---	---	---
-K.P.T. IND. CO.	0.204	0.204	0.204	0.204	60000	3
-CONF.MARINE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
-K.S.REP.CO.	0.046	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.085	---	---	---	---	---
-K.N.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.162	0.164	0.166	0.164	220000	8
-CON.MKT.CMPX.	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	160000	2
-MOBILE TELE.	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	50000	5
-KWT COMPUTER	0.178	0.178	0.178	0.178	40000	1
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.232	---	---	---	---	---
-UMTD FISHERIES	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
-UMTD POULTRY	0.226	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT FOODS	0.360	0.380	0.380	0.380	10000	1
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KWT SECTOR						
-BHN.INTER.BK	0.069	---	---	---	---	---
-BHN.M.EAST.BK	0.046	0.047	0.047	0.047	8000	1
-UMTD.GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-COAST INVEST.	0.104	0.104	0.106	0.104	1340000	24
-A.G. INV.CORP	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	160000	2
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
-B.K.I.G.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INV.CO.	0.041	---	---	---	---	---

NESTLE I	6975	8
NESTLE N	4200	4
NESTLE D	1300	1

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	WESTLE PS	1200	1215
BAKER HDGS	12450	12400	OE BUEHR I	1210	1165
BAISON IPS	2300	2270	OE BUEHR N	295.00	290.00
BBC I A	2575	2525	ROCHE I	12500	1275.00
BK LEU I	2990	2975	ROCHE I	96000	88000
BK LEU N	2575	2575	RUECKVER I	12350	12300
BK LEU PS	411	410	RUECKVER N	6150	6150
CFV	1180	1170	RUECKVER P	1905	1865
CIG GEIG I	3300	3250	RY TR BK	1210	1210
CIG GEIG N	1610	1590	S BNKSGS I	3240	3190
CIG GEIG P	2240	2155	S BNKSGS N	590	580
CKM	0	1250	S BNKSGS P	115.00	114.00
CRED SUI I	2580	2535	S BNKVRN I	371	363
CRED SUI N	473	474	S BNKVRN N	285.00	283.00
EG LAUFEN	0	1775	S BNKVRN P	295	291
ELEKTROMAT	2875	2860	SANZOZ I	12300	12225
ENS CHEN I	3640	3660	SANZOZ N	5510	5500
GLOBUS I	7275	7300	SANZOZ PS	1990	1940
GLOBUS N	0	6500	SULZER N	4900	4875
GLOBUS PS	1190	1135	SULZER PS	455	442
JACOBSS S I	7525	7500	SVB	1685	1650
JACOBSS N	1310	1310	SWISSAIR	1170	1140
JACOBSS S P	2610	619	SWISSAIR N	595	590
JELU I	680	2850	W THUR I	3550	5425
JELU PS	385	385	W THUR N	2675	2650
LANDIS N	1320	1300	W THUR PS	690	682
LANDIS PS	118.00	116.00	ZURICH I	5700	5600
NFRCK I	792	785	ZURICH N	2625	2590
			ZURICH PS	1880	1890

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Many Iranians engaged in farming

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Dear Junior Readers,

How many of you have already started giving some thought to your future careers? Too many people tend to drift through life without really planning, or even knowing, what they want to do. Some of them are lucky to find jobs which make them happy, but a lot spend many years just plodding on from day to day feeling bored and fed-up with jobs that are not really right for them.

Do not fool yourself into thinking that because the start of your working life is still some way off you can just sit back and wait until you finish school before deciding on a career. You should start planning as soon as possible so that you can choose the right subjects for the kind of career you are interested in.

But, a final note: be realistic. For example, there is not much hope of ever becoming a doctor, even if it is your biggest dream, if you are absolutely useless at science subjects! So, build your plans around what you are good at.

Auntie Jayne

Solution to Tuesday's general knowledge quiz

1. Slander is spoken defamation of character. Libel is written and published.
2. (i) A tombola is a kind of lottery with fancy articles for prizes. (Often the winning ticket is the raffle ticket). (ii) Tombola—a bar or spit which joins an island to the mainland or two islands.
3. Depressions, or regions where the atmospheric pressure is lower than that of its surroundings. On a weather chart the centre of a depression is usually indicated by the word 'low'.
4. First-aid device to stop bleeding. A bandage tightened by twisting with stick pressed down with screw, thus stopping blood from arteries. (Vital to know where tourniquet has to be placed and how long it is kept there—only can be done by someone with first-aid knowledge).
5. Oath of Hippocrates. (Once repeated by medical students before they graduated as doctors).
6. A method of bell-ringing.
7. The modulus of the heart (by tracing a curve on paper).
8. Yale log.
9. (i) Yellow and white/blue-green. (ii) Sodium and mercury.
10. Catapults that directed showers of stone cannon-balls etc. against enemy fortifications.
11. Soldiers fitted their shields together to make a solid canopy and flanks to protect them when they attacked city walls. This resembled the tortoise shell, in its appearance and purpose.
12. Fine, calm weather conditions, although in winter fog is likely to develop.
13. ... the shepherd's delight, but a red sky in the morning, is the shepherd's warning.
14. A Passion Play. A play representing the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. Oberammergau is in Bavaria, West Germany. The passion play was instituted in 1633 when the inhabitants vowed they would perform it every ten years as a token of their gratitude for deliverance from the plague.
15. Medicine. A vessel for holding liquids, especially drinks; formerly variously applied, now usually a small glass bottle, especially for liquid medicine.
16. Four years. The President must be a native-born citizen of the USA and not less than 35 years old.
17. Tin Pan Alley is the name given to a district occupied by composers and publishers of popular music.

Solution to 'Definitely Yours': 1. Scorpion 2. Stilton 3. Serenath 4. Senator 5. Sauciness 6. Spinnery 7. Signora 8. Saffron 9. Stetson 10. Satchel 11. Sherbet 12. Shopper 13. Shalott 14. Salpurr

Letter Change

After one letter only in each word and so form a sensible phrase in each example.

1. TLE-POE BEAR SOUND
2. HONEY FOX ODD ROSE
3. FATTER ADD BOTHER
4. GREEN MEATS GREET
5. FREAK THY SAD NEWT
6. CAST BUN GOT LEASH
7. WATCH AT BATCH MAN
8. LOUGH END GROG MAT
9. LET IN WIIS TIE COB
10. MY BITS ANY STARES
11. RATHONAL POTTERY
12. CORNET TOE MARKER

Solution on Tuesday

By Alison Uttley

The bird of time

A WHITE-BEARDED ancient man walked over the hills and wide valleys of the world. On his back he carried a sack which moved uneasily as if something were trying to escape from it, but he settled it between his shoulders and plodded along unwearied, with even strides, and unvarying pace, taking no account of the lands through which he went.

He was Father Time, travelling for ever, and the sack he bore was filled with To-morrows, all struggling and shuffling to get out.

Each night, at twelve o'clock, he opened the bag and out flew a To-morrow, just one, with its wings of blue, and its shining feathers rosy with hope. All the rest were kept back by Time's strong hands and pushed deep in the sack.

Down flew the To-morrow, beating its lovely feathers, but as it touched the earth off fell its blue wings and it changed to an ordinary white bird which could not fly. It had become a To-day. Every one knows that To-day isn't as wonderful as To-morrow, for To-days can be held in one's hands, accepted, despised, scorned, but To-morrow is full of mystery and beauty. It holds fortune and happiness. It is desired by all the world. Even those with little hope sigh, "To-morrow may bring a change. To-morrow life will be different."

Everybody tried to catch the To-morrow before it fell to the ground, so that

they could peer under those blue wings and rosy feathers, to see what the future brought for them. Some To-morrows bore Happiness and Love under their wings, others carried Grief and Poverty, but all was hidden until To-day came.

The people thought if they knew beforehand what the To-morrow carried they could prepare for it. So they put bird-line on the trees where the To-morrows might alight as they flew from Father Time's bag, and they hunted the birds with great nets, seeking to capture one before he changed his plumage. Yet although they tried every device, the birds escaped them and flew to the ground as To-days.

At last, after many experiments and failures, a Philosopher caught a To-morrow. He made a web of dreams and wove it tightly into a net. He spread in the air, and behold! a To-morrow fluttering down was caught! He took it home, struggling, and fluttering its blue wings and rosy feathers, but it could not get out of the closely woven meshes. He suspended the net from the ceiling of his room, and watched the bird. Its wings were dazzling with promises, each one of a deep-blue colour, and as the bird shook its feathers the promises sprayed the air. Each wing had twelve long pinions, and they were To-morrow's hours. Every

feather in the pinion was To-morrow's minutes. The beauty of the unknown shone from the downy breast.

The wise man thought that if he could keep the To-morrow imprisoned he would always know the future. Perhaps the bird would die, or change, but he could catch another in his magic net.

He took out a note-book and a tape-measure, and measured the pretty creature. He wrote down a description of the changing iridescent colours, as the minutes and hours went by, and he wrote too the promises he could see for every minute of time the next day. All day he wrote, setting down everything that would happen on the morrow. At midnight he waited, for then Father Time would set free another To-morrow, a new bird. He watched to see if his own bird would become a To-day, white as snow.

No, its wings sparkled with fresh promises, it was still To-morrow, lovely To-morrow, waiting in glittering beauty in the net.

The wise man clapped his hands with joy, and the To-morrow beat its wings and tried to escape with little cries of impatience, but the net held firmly. The next day's events could be read, To-morrow would always be known. The wise man now knew everything that would happen. He could foretell the future and his forecasts would

never fail. He knew what would happen in the King's palace, and in the beggar's garret; he knew who would die, and who would be born. Happiness and misery, and all the events of life were open to him, to tell the world. He would be the most powerful of all men—yet he kept his secret a little longer.

Each day he feverishly wrote the future happenings, and always the words were true, so that he knew all things. But as he looked at the changing feathers of the beautiful bird, he felt sad. He wanted to warn people of their fate. If he told the sorrows of To-morrow, he would spoil To-day, he would break even the white bird, To-day; whilst if he spoke of the happiness To-morrow would bring, he would lessen the joy of unexpectedness.

He decided to invite people to see his wonderful bird, to judge for themselves whether they would know all things. So he opened his doors and welcomed any who wished to view a beautiful To-morrow.

People came crowding in, rich and poor, all eager to see To-morrow. They pressed round the exquisite shy bird, which flew gently to and fro in the net of dreams, never resting its feet, with no perch or branch, its feathers gleaming like a changing rainbow. As they read the future in the moving wings of To-morrow, their cries

of excitement grew louder, they pushed and struggled to get nearer. Some wept, others groaned, whilst many laughed wildly and tried to seize the bird with upthrust greedy hands, eager for more news. The bird flew out of their reach, and the wise man came back to keep it from death at their hands.

Out of doors he sent the crowd, and they streamed down the roads to their homes, shouting, wild-eyed, frightened, for only a few were strong enough to bear either the good or the evil in store for them.

The wise man locked his doors and returned sadly to the room where the blue-winged To-morrow fluttered slowly in the net of dreams. There, standing underneath it, with a hand thrust through the meshes of the net, was a little boy who had been left behind.

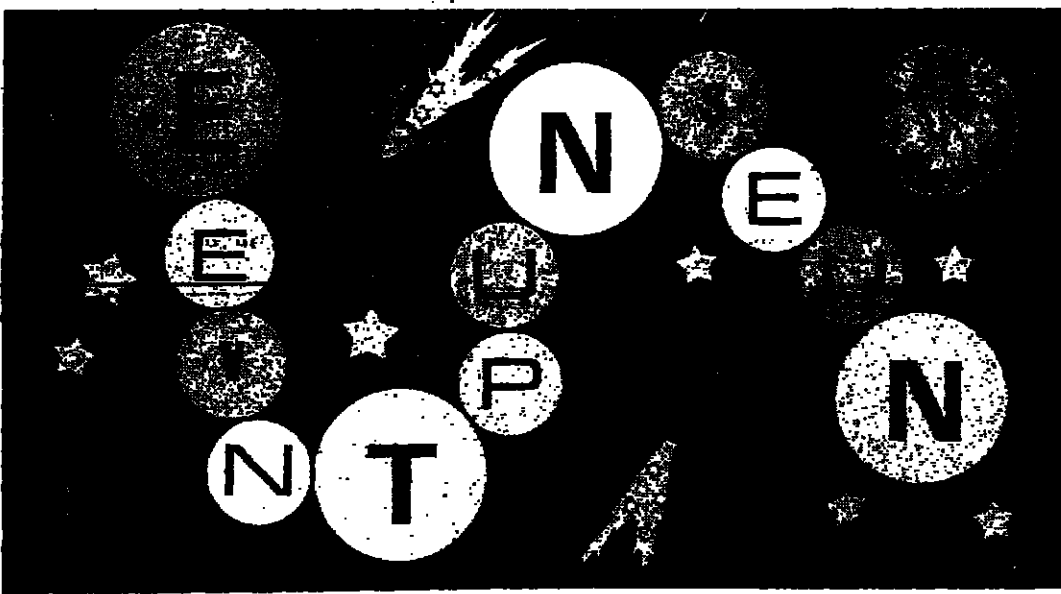
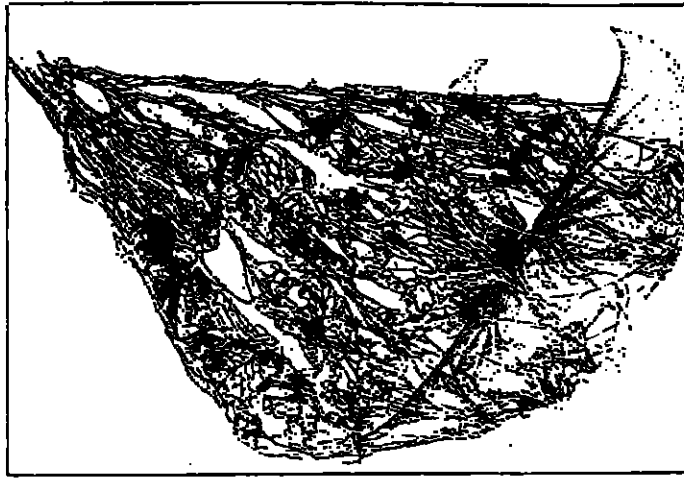
As the child stroked the soft plumage, and spoke with endearing words to the lovely creature, the bird stretched its wings to their utmost, and broke the net. It flew down to the

ground, and the wise man never attempted to catch it, but watched intently to see the blue wings fall, and the feathers change. To his surprise it remained the same radiant colour. It was a bird of To-day, with wings of blue and feathers rosy with hope.

"There are no To-morrows for a child," said the philosopher, thoughtfully, as he watched the bird preen itself whilst the boy kneeled down and stroked its wings. "To-day is the most perfect time and To-morrow is unknown and undesired."

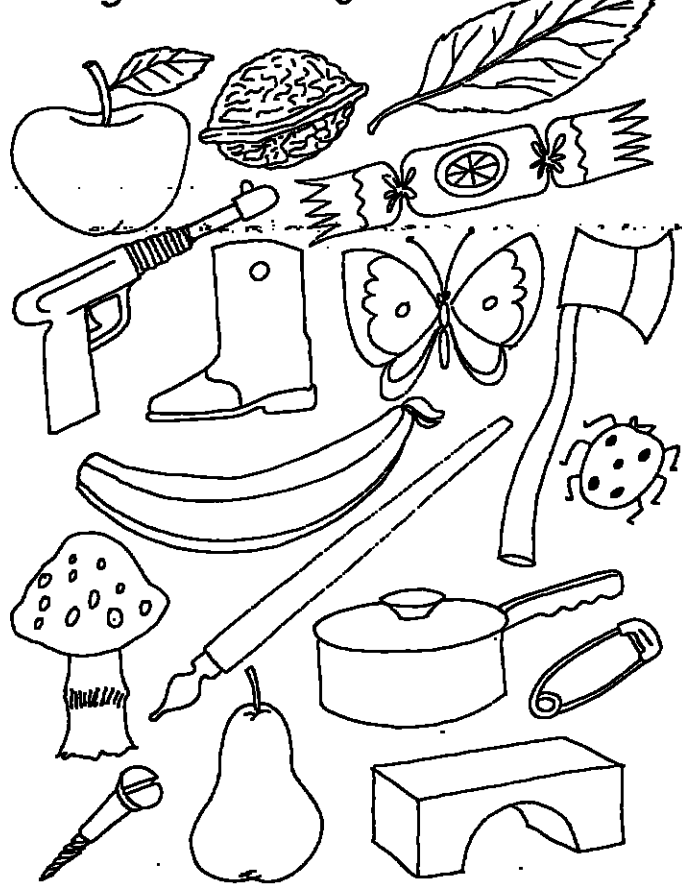
"Keep it," said he to the eager boy. "It is yours for ever."

He unlocked the doors and threw them wide open. The child walked out of the house with the bird in his arms, a lovely To-day, a beautiful bird which never changed till the boy grew to be a man. Then it fluttered its blue wings and darted up into the sky to find its master, Father Time. But the young man sat down at his desk and wrote a poem about it.



Can you find the names of two planets hidden in the jumble of letters?

Test your memory



Study this for a few moments then try to make a list of the things you can remember.



What is the best way to cure acid indigestion?
Stop drinking acid.

What is hairy and coughs?
A coconut with a cold.

Did you hear about the two blood cells?
They loved in vein.

Why was the crab arrested?
Because he was always pinching things.

'My auntie is having a new baby.'
'What was wrong with the old one?'

GEORGE: Does your wife cook by gas or electricity?
HORACE: I don't, I've never tried to cook mine.

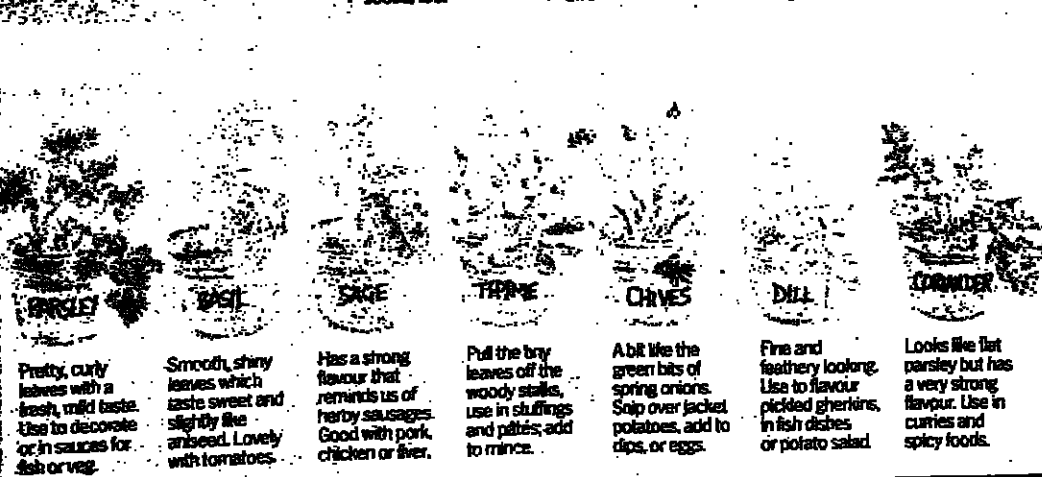
FOOD FACTS & FUN

POTS OF FLAVOUR

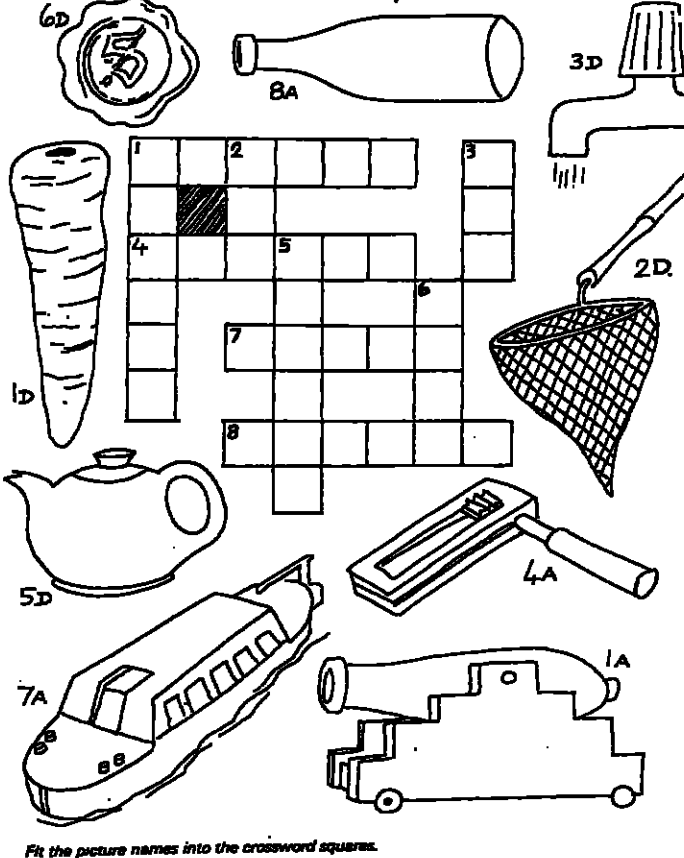
We must not live, but it's important that we enjoy our food, too. Natural herbs and spices add good and tasty food to give us an appetite. Herbs are edible plants that have been used for flavouring and decorating food for centuries. Many herbs are easy to grow, even indoors. Packets of seeds are quite cheap to buy and you get hundreds in a packet. Some packets offer mixtures of different seeds, too.

GROW YOUR OWN

You will need:
cardboard egg-tray with plastic lid
packet of herb seeds
flower pots
1. Three-quarters fill the hollows of the egg-tray with compost. Put two or three seeds into each, sprinkle more compost over.
2. Water carefully. Cover with the lid and keep in a warm, dark place.
3. Check every two days or so that compost is damp.
4. Once seeds sprout, bring them out into daylight. When they are big enough to handle, carefully lift out the strongest and put into pots filled with compost. Keep on a sunny windowsill, water when necessary. Pull off a few leaves to use in cooking.

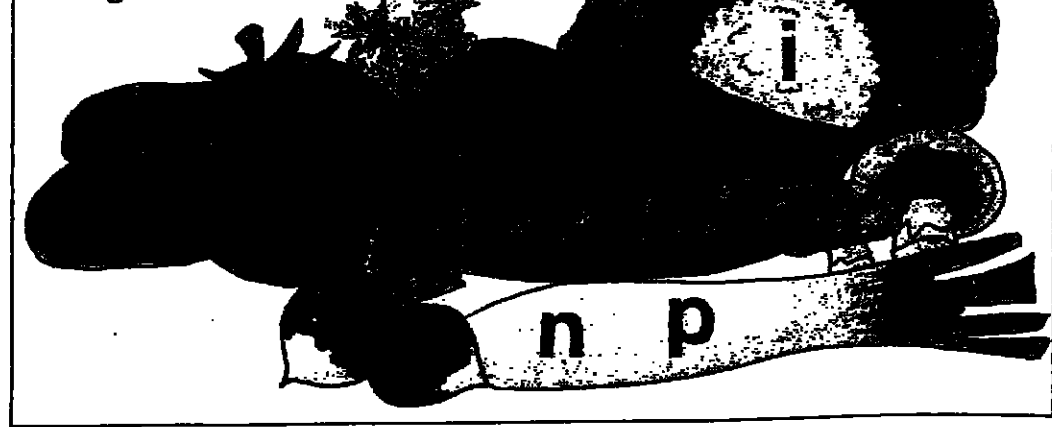


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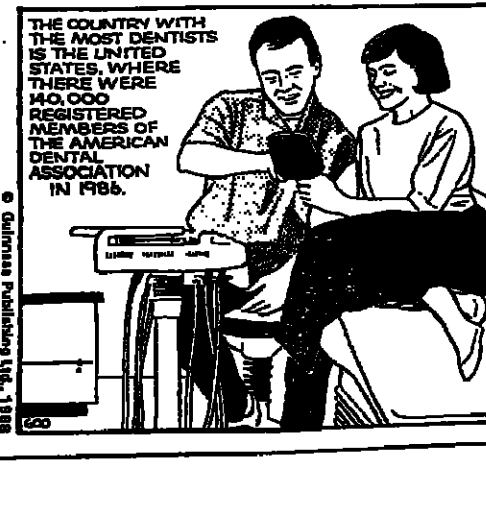
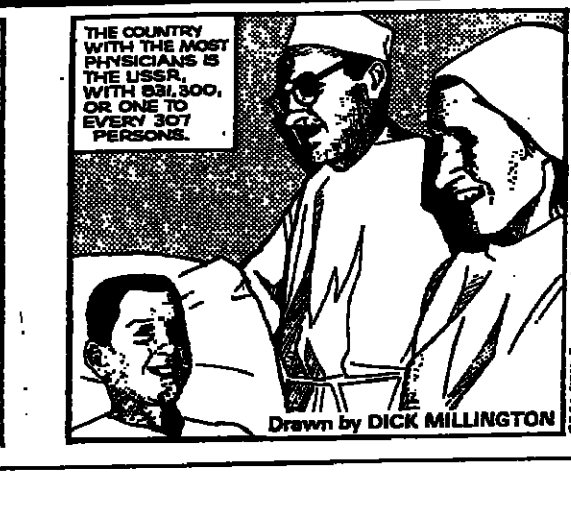


Fit the picture names into the crossword squares.

Unscramble the letters to find the names of two more vegetables.



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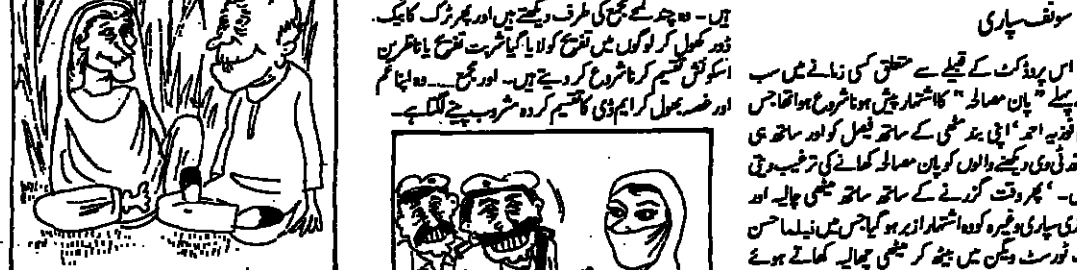
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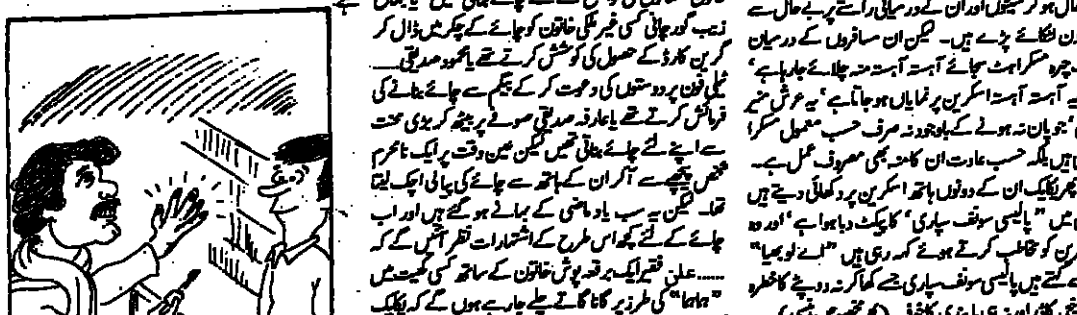
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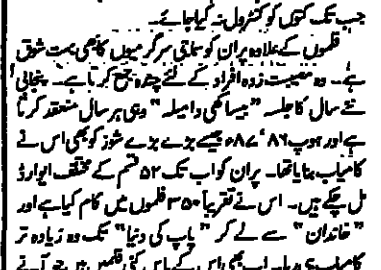
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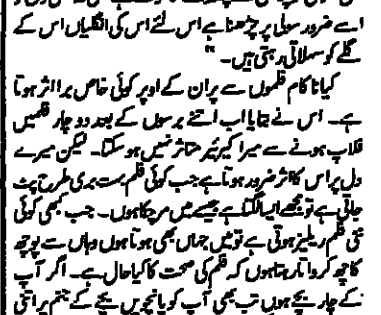
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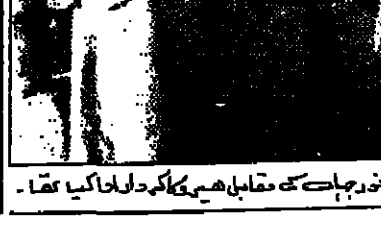
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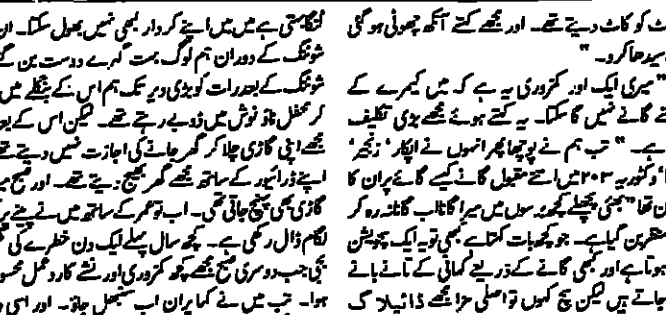


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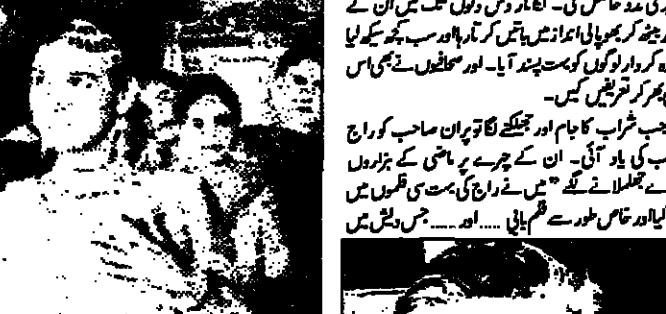
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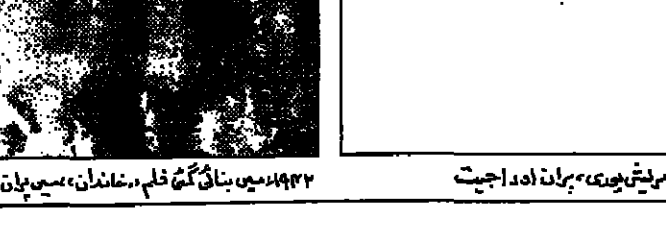
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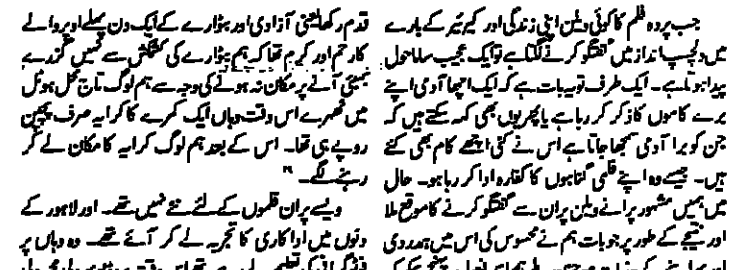


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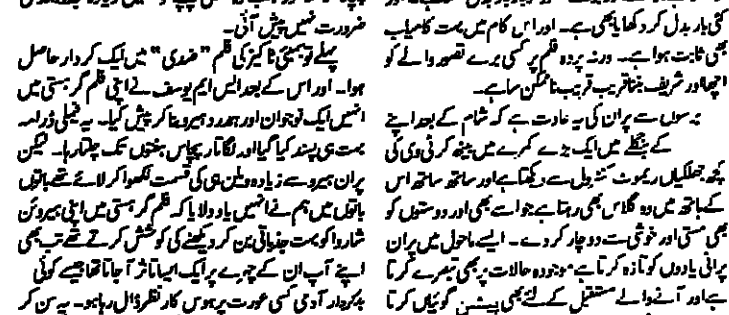


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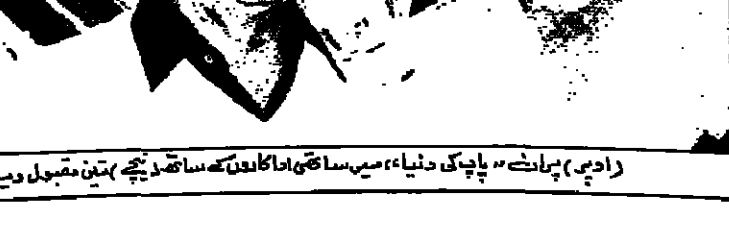
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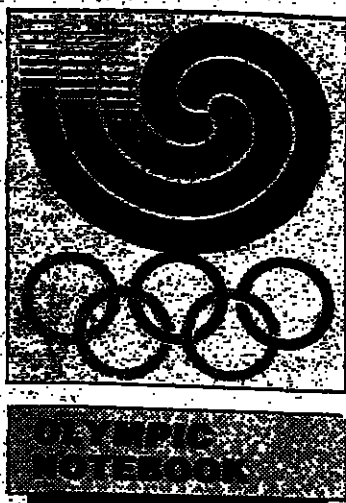


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NESTY OUTSWIMS BIONDI FOR GOLD

Soviet women gymnasts triumph

SEOUL, South Korea, Sept. 21. (AP) Elena Shushunova won the battle of the perfect 10s to lead the Soviet women's gymnastic team to a gold medal at the Seoul Games today, while the Olympic swimming, like a magic fountain, again transformed obscurity into instant fame.

Taking Soviet revenge for a loss to Romania at last year's world championships, Shushunova scored three 10s to two perfect scores by her Romanian rival Daniela Silivas, whose team won the silver medal.

Earlier, Surinam's shy and unsung Anthony Nesty outswam the world's elite today to win the first gold medal ever for his small South American country.

Derby
Swimming competition today also produced a cascade of Olympic and world records, two gold medals for East Germany and one gold each for the United States and Hungary.

A Bulgarian weightlifter, meanwhile, broke three world records in winning his country's fourth gold medal of the Games. The Soviet Union jumped far into the lead in the Seoul medals derby with seven golds and 18 medals overall. East Germany was second with 11 medals overall, followed by Bulgaria and the United States with nine each.

The Soviet women gymnasts piled up 395.475 points. The Romanians kept up the pressure until the last moment and ended the evening with 394.125 points. East Germany edged out the

United States by .300 points to take the bronze with a 390.875 total.

A half-point penalty in the compulsory cost the Americans the bronze. The US team had been faulted for having an alternate on the floor during one of the preliminary exercises.

Bulgaria's Angel Guenchev broke the three world records in the 67.5-kilogramme weightlifting class division, bettering the old marks in the snatch, clean and jerk and in the total of 362.5 kilos in two lifts.

Two days after Australia's unheralded Duncan Armstrong upset the biggest names in swimming, the 20-year-old Nesty zipped past America's vaunted Matt Biondi just centimetres from the wall to win the men's 100-metre butterfly by one-hundredths of a second.

Biondi, who had to settle for the silver medal, rebounded in the men's 4x200 freestyle relay by anchoring the US team to a gold medal in the world record time of 7 minutes, 12.51 seconds ahead of the East and West German teams. The American star thus became the first triple medal winner of the Games, adding today's gold and silver to the bronze he captured in Monday's 200-metre freestyle won by Armstrong.

Nesty's was the first of 13 gold medals to be contested on the fifth day of the Seoul Olympics. They included five in swimming, three in Greco-Roman wrestling and a big one in the women's team gymnastics.

In all, three world records and



Nesty waves to the crowd after getting the gold. (Reuter wirephoto)

two Olympic marks were set at the indoor Olympic pool today. Tamas Darnyi of Hungary broke his own world record to

win the gold medal in the 400-metre individual medley. His time of 4 minutes, 14.75 seconds bested the 4:15.42 mark he set at

last years' European championships. David Wharton of the United States won silver and Stefano Battistelli of Italy the bronze.

East Germany's Silke Hoerner broke another world mark in winning the women's 200-metre breaststroke in 2:26.71. The old mark of 2:27.27 was set earlier this year by Canada's Allison Higson, who finished seventh. The silver medal went to Xiao Min Huang of the up-and-coming Chinese team, while Antoaneta Frenkeva of Bulgaria took bronze.

Heike Friedrich of East Germany set an Olympic record in winning the women's 200 freestyle, with Silvia Poll of Costa Rica finishing second to win the first Olympic medal in the history of her homeland. Manuela Stielmach of East Germany won the bronze medal. Friedrich's time of 1:57.65 eclipsed the 1:58.33 set by East Germany's Barbara Krause at the 1980 Games.

In shooting finals today, 23-year-old Janna Sekaric of Yugoslavia won gold in the women's air pistol competition by besting the Soviet Union's Nino Saloukvadze in the 10-shot final.

Saloukvadze, who won gold in the sport pistol event on Monday, settled for silver and her team-mate, Marina Dobrancheva, the world record holder, took bronze. It was Sekaric's second medal of the Games. She won a bronze in the sports pistol event.



Egypt's Heshan Khalil (right) blocks Ilario Pasquale of Canada. (Reuter wirephoto)

Yugoslavs score easy win over S. Koreans

SEOUL, South Korea, Sept. 21 (AP): It wasn't too tough to figure out what Yugoslavia basketball coach Dusan Ivkovic thought of his team's listless 104-92 Olympic victory over South Korea.

All you had to do was peek into the practice gym, where the Yugoslavs went through a workout immediately after today's preliminary round victory.

"I know it is very difficult to play some games," said Ivkovic, whose team is 3-0 and has secured a spot in the tournament's medal round. "I cannot say now it's good," he said of the play of his team. "It's not good."

The Yugoslavs seemed to be going through the motions against South Korea, just as they did the night before when they drilled Central Africa Republic, 102-61. They had beaten the Soviet Union 92-79 in their first game.

Strong
"It is normal to fall down after your biggest game," Ivkovic said, alluding to the Soviets. "Maybe we should play a strong game (against South Korea), but we didn't."

The United States is the only other team to qualify for the medal round. The US team, playing in the group opposite Yugoslavia, ran its record to 3-0

with a 102-87 victory over Brazil today.

The victory avenged Brazil's surprising upset of the United States in the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, although neither coach John Thompson nor any of his players said revenge was a factor.

Brazilian star Oscar Schmidt led his team with 31 points, but had to work for all of them. Fifteen of those points came at the free throw line.

In other games today, Canada won for the first time in three games, 117-64 over 0-3 Egypt; Spain improved to 2-1 with a 106-74 victory over China, 1-2; and the Soviets also improved to 2-1 with a 93-81 win over Puerto Rico.

Sharunas Marchulainas scored 32 points, including seven in overtime, to lead the Soviet Union to victory.

With the score tied at 76 with 10 seconds remaining in regulation, Mario Morales of Puerto Rico missed two free throws. The Soviets' Vladimir Khoromichov then missed a 3-point shot at the buzzer.

Marchulainas had almost single-handedly led the Soviets back into the game, scoring 14 of their first 17 points of the second half. He then opened the extra period with two driving layups to give his team the lead for good.

Chinese boxer

WEIPING WANG made history yesterday night when he became the first boxer from the Republic of China to appear in the Olympics. It was a respectable debut, too. The 21-year-old Wang, who has been boxing only since 1986, lasted three rounds with European champion Andreas Tews of East Germany, losing a 5-0 decision.

Carl Lewis

CARL LEWIS tried his hand at being a comedian yesterday with some one-line quips at an Olympic press conference. Asked to comment on a South Korean astrologer's prediction that the US sprinter faced a tough time at the Seoul Games, he said: "Is this the same person that talked to Nancy Reagan?"

Bott triumphs

MARKUS BOTT won a brawling battle of East and West German light heavyweights last night at the Olympic boxing tournament. Bott, of West Germany, stopped Rene Suetovious of East Germany at 2:43 of the third round in first-round bout of the 81-kilo division.

Soviet soldier

SOVIET soldier Vakhtang Lagorachvili, back in 24th place after a disastrous first day's equestrian competition took the lead in the Olympic modern pentathlon after yesterday's shooting.

Generous officials

FOREIGN shooting teams yesterday accused South Korean officials of giving local marksman over-generous scores in Olympic events.

Mock Olympics

SEOUL shantytown dwellers protesting against forced evictions in a city beautification drive staged a mock Olympics yesterday — using Molotov cocktails in their torch ceremony.

Tiny weightlifter

TURKISH Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is sending his private jet to Seoul to fly home Naim Suleymanoglu, a tiny weightlifter who broke six world records and won the country its first Olympic gold medal for 20 years.

Road race

FRANCE'S Jeannie Longo, one of the world's most accomplished women riders, has decided to tackle Monday's Olympic road race even though she is not fully recovered from a hip injury she suffered at last month's World Cycling Championships.

Phillips out

BRITAIN'S Mark Phillips, husband of the Princess Royal, withdrew from the Olympic equestrian three-day event yesterday when his horse was declared lame before the cross-country section.

US artists

TWO US artists are suing an art dealer, claiming they didn't get paid what they were promised for creating posters for the Summer Games in Seoul.

TV ratings

THE US television network NBC's prime-time coverage of the Summer Games in Seoul has drawn disappointing ratings, dipping well below the record set by the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles.

Yachting regatta

AMERICAN John Kosteki stormed to a convincing victory in the soling at the United States won three races to dominate day two of the Olympic yachting regatta yesterday.

Fatima Whitbread

WOMEN'S world javelin champion Fatima Whitbread of Britain believes she is still in the running for the Olympic title despite persistent problems with a shoulder injury.

Endurance test

MARK TODD of New Zealand galloped through the cross-country endurance test faultlessly yesterday, staying on course to retain his Olympic three-day equestrian event title.

IOC chief

PRESIDENT of the International Olympic Committee Juan Antonio Samaranch visited the athletes' village at the Seoul Games after complaints about the food, South Korean organisers said yesterday.

Jarryd struggles into 2nd round

SEOUL, Sept. 21, (Reuter): Seventh seed Anders Jarryd had a rude introduction to Olympic tennis today in a struggle with Martin Laurendeau, 80 places below him in the world rankings. A visibly drained Jarryd staggered into the second round of the tournament with a 7-6-4-6-7-5-7-5 victory over the Canadian.

Knock
Sixth seed Emilio Sanchez of Spain had an easier time, beating Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka in straight sets while Australian Darren Cahill, the number nine seed, needed four sets to knock out Alexander Antonitsch of Austria.

Jarryd, watched by Swedish team-mate and Olympic favourite Stefan Edberg on the sticky heat of court 13, needed

three hours and 44 minutes to tame the tall Laurendeau.

Twice in successive sets the 24-year-old Canadian looked beaten at 4-1 down only to burst into the match much to the surprise of the world number 19.

In the opening set he forced a tiebreaker which Jarryd won at 10-8 on a double fault.

In the second, he fought back from behind to break the Swede three times in a row and take the set.

Cahill, who won 6-2-6-4-6-7-6-2 dropped his serve only in the third set tiebreaker which went to Antonitsch.

The Australian, who reached the semifinals at the US Open, said he had been nervous about playing in Seoul.

"Playing for your country and

in the Olympics — I think it's a very big thing for me. I'm sure I'll loosen up as I go along but I want to do well here and I want to try to get a medal."

Jarryd blamed the numerous service breaks — there were six in the second set alone — on the unpredictable South Korean balls which have been criticised by several players.

"I know it is the same for everybody so we have to do our best but sometimes it is very difficult to control them," he said.

Second seed Tim Mayotte, following Cahill on to the noisy court one, had little trouble beating South Korean Song Dong-Wook, who is only 555th in the world list.

American Mayotte disappointed the large home crowd by

knocking out their favourite 6-3 6-3-6-4 in just under two hours.

In the women's first round, Russian Leila Meshki, ranked 35th in the world, set herself up a second round meeting with Grand Slam champion Steffi Graf by beating Czechoslovakia's Regina Rajchrtova 7-5-7-5.

Graf, like the other 11 seeds, has a bye into the second round and will not play until Friday.

Henri Leconte, the No. 4 seed, had a seesaw battle against Indian veteran Vijay Amritraj, ranked 171st in the world, but whom the Frenchman had never beaten before.

Leconte finally came through 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in just under three hours, ripping through the last five games after trailing 3-1 in the fifth set.

Zambia sail into quarterfinals

SEOUL, South Korea, Sept. 21 (AP): A surprising Zambian team joined three West European squads in the Olympic soccer tournament quarterfinals after the first half of the 16-team preliminary rounds ended today.

West Germany takes on the Africans and Sweden faces Italy in two of Sunday's quarterfinal games. The other two pairings will be set by the last day of play in preliminary groups C and D tomorrow.

Italy, headed with shame back home after a 4-0 loss to Zambia, was on its way to a humiliating Olympic exit in the first half of its Group B game against Iraq.

where it needed a win to advance.

Fielding only players from its world-renowned top division, Italy failed to rise above a 0-0 until Ruggiero Rizzitelli's successful 58th-minute shot past goalie Ahmed Mohammed, whose view was blocked.

Massimo Mauro added an insurance goal six minutes later after a solo cruise past the aggressive Iraqi defence.

A tie would have let Iraq advance, but the Middle East team's athletic strength ultimately failed to override Italy's technical edge.

Italian Soccer Federation chief Antonio Matarrese had

flown to Seoul on the eve of the match to give his team a talking-to after the Zambia debacle.

The Africans, which advanced from a great unknown to a tournament surprise, demolished Guatemala in the second half of the day's other Group B game. Derby Makinka and Kalusha Bwalya each scored twice for a 4-0 rout.

In Group A, Sweden beat West Germany on a late goal. But both teams had clinched their quarterfinal berths because Tunisia, Sweden's remaining theoretical rival, was held to a scoreless draw by China earlier in the day.



SEOUL, Sept. 21, (Reuter): A US travel agent has been jailed for five days for reselling Olympic games tickets at high profit. South Korean police said today.

A Seoul summary court found James Rush, 30, from Madison, Wisconsin, guilty of reselling five 4,000 won (\$6) tickets at between 7,000 won (\$10) and 10,000 won (\$14) for a diving event on Monday, they said.

Rush told the court he bought 44 diving tickets in the United States but resold only 10, half of them at face value.

Aouita holds clear lead in psychological battle

SEOUL, Sept. 21, (Reuter): A psychological battle being waged among Olympic track and field stars intensified today with Morocco's Said Aouita holding a clear lead just two days before the start of the athletics programme.

Aouita, a past master of the provocative quote, hinted this week that he was considering defending his Olympic 5,000 metres title as well as attempting the first 800-1,500 metres double since 1964.

Reports that Aouita might be contemplating a triple gold bid spread quickly through the athletes' village with initial reaction from his rivals veering between incredulity and apprehension.

Estimated

The Olympic 5,000 metres final starts just 20 minutes after the finish of the 1,500 on October 1 and Moroccan coach Aziz Daouda said he had estimated Aouita would have eight minutes to get ready for the 5,000.

Aouita's great rival, Steve Cram of Britain, was quick to scoff at Aouita today.

"I don't think anybody in their right mind could take him seriously," said Cram. "My guess is that he's just having a little bit of a joke."

Cram's compatriot Peter Elliott, who will be racing against each man in the 800 and 1,500, concurred.

"I know he is superman but it's taking it a little bit far," Elliott said.

The Aouita-Cram clashes promise to be two of the great confrontations of the athletics



Moses practices jumping the hurdles at the Olympic Stadium. (Reuter wirephoto)

competition, exceeded only by the Carl Lewis-Ben Johnson 100 metres showdown on Saturday. Lewis was at his most personable and articulate today.

The American, bidding for the second time to win four gold medals, told a packed news conference the rematch of the classic 1987 world championship final,



Lewis, wearing a belt bag sporting his signature, looks around the Olympic Stadium. (Reuter wirephoto)

won by a clear margin by Johnson, was good for the sport.

"It's great for the sport like Ali and Frazier were great for boxing," Lewis said.

"We focus people on our sport and advance it," Canadian Johnson, by contrast, is a reluctant newcomer to the world of professional enter-

S. Korea win first gold

SEOUL, Sept. 21, (Reuter): South Korea exploded with a mixture of joy and relief today after Kim Young-Nam won the host country's first gold medal of the Olympics.

Only Canada in 1976 have failed to strike gold at their own Summer Games and Kim's victory in the Greco-Roman wrestling welterweight class finally gave South Korea some return on their \$3.1 billion Olympic investment.

Kim, a gold medalist at the 1986 Asian Games here, was considered the Koreans' best medal hope and he proved equal to the occasion.

The packed stadium went wild when Kim beat Daulet Turlyk-

hanov of the Soviet Union in the final.

Thousands of normally restrained Koreans gave vent to their elation while Kim raced around excitedly before being dragged to the mat for a lengthy clinch with his ecstatic manager.

Sitting in the stands his wife wept uncontrollably during the latter stages of the bout. Her tears continued unabated as dozens of photographers surrounded the family group.

Kim, who hopes to become a sports scientist, was close to tears during the medal ceremony as, hand over heart, he listened intently to the Korean national anthem.

South Korea mesmerise West Germany

SEOUL, Sept. 21, (Reuter): South Korea, harrying leg weary West Germany over every part of the pitch, scored a sparkling 4-1 win today in their Olympic women's hockey debut.

Inside right Jin Wom-Sim was the architect of victory. She set up at least three goals with pinpoint passing as the South Koreans combined together beautifully to tear the West German defence apart.

The West Germans, Olympic and World Cup silver medalists, were made to look second rate at the Songnam stadium as the red-shirted Koreans launched wave after wave of attacks.

Marina van der Merwe, the coach of the Canadian team which are South Korea's next opponents, described their play as awesome.

The other three teams seeded as potential semi-finalists all had their problems.

Bumpy

The Netherlands, the Olympic and world champions, overcame a bumpy pitch to beat the United States 3-1 but second seeds Australia were held by a 1-1 draw by Canada.

Britain, ranked last in the tournament, beat Argentina 1-0.

The Dutch threatened to overwhelm the US in their opening Group A match but goalkeeper Donna Lee frustrated the vaunted Dutch corner machine until Helen van der Ben scored from their seventh corner in the 29th minute.

tainment. "I would be very happy if I could go to the track and it would be quiet there," Johnson confessed in his encounter with the world's media.

"All the attention bothers me a little bit." With the Olympics already into their fifth day, the track and field athletes are clearly eager to stop talking and start performing.

The training is now done and the answers to the deluge of questions from reporters desperate for stories are becoming predictably monotonous.

Yes, I'm 110 per cent fit, the interviewees will say. My main rival is myself, they will continue. Let the competition begin, they conclude.

Myrella Moses, wife of Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion Ed Moses, will not trust simply in her husband's athletic prowess when he defends his Olympic title.

She said today she would wear a necklace of multi-coloured trinkets gathered over their years together to summon good spirits to watch over the defending champion.

"Anything that's brought us luck over the years I've put together on a necklace," she said as her 33-year-old husband eased his way over a few flights of hurdles at Seoul's Olympic stadium.

"It's got heavier and heavier but I don't care if I'm bent double. It's a good luck necklace and I'll still wear it. I want to have the good spirits hanging over him at all times."

SPORTS

Gambit wins
Ladies
Helm Race

KOSA continued their pre-September events on Friday with their annual Ladies Helm Race.

Gayle Barro who along with husband Lino, have just bought Gambit, put their game together with the existing Gambit crew and won the race by two minutes from Shamal.

The wind was blowing about 16 knots from the north-west at the start of the Olympic Course Race and most of the 8 competing yachts had acceptable starts for so early in the season.

Danat had an unlucky break on her way out to the wing mark when she had two heavy broaches which gave both Gambit and Lemons a significant advantage.

Shamal, meanwhile, capitalised on her ability to fly a spinaker on a shy reach with as many of her 10 crew on the weather rail as she could accommodate.

Speed
The fetch to the leeward mark suited both eliminators and it was noticeable that Lemons continued to show her potential with impressive boat speed by giving Gambit a hard time. On the second beat and penultimate leg, Gambit chose the favoured left hand side of the course and gained sufficient time on her rivals to secure her win.

The Beryl Braithwaite Bowl was presented by the KOSA Commodore to a delighted Barro. Several yachts then took advantage of the rest of the day by taking more novices out cruising in the fresh breeze. Good Kompany unfortunately broke her mast and has had to withdraw from KOSA events for several weeks.

KOSA are still looking for interested people to sail with them. For details phone 5326145. KOSA continue their events tomorrow with a fun pursuit race off Shaab starting at 1100 (1000 briefing).

SPORTS BRIEFS

YMCA Cup

SOCIAL Club meet YMCA in the opening match of the YMCA Winners Cup cricket tournament at the Ahmadi governorate ground tomorrow morning at 9.00 am. In the afternoon Skylarks face Blue Star.

Thursday League

THE opening matches of the Gulf Bank Thursday League will be played today. Starlite meet Falcon on the New Ground while Bright Stars clash with Morning Star on the Oval. Both matches will commence at 2.00 pm. Umpires nominated all from Unity.

Turkey triumph

ISTANBUL, Sept 21, (Reuters): Turkey beat Greece 3-1 (half time 2-1) in a friendly match in Istanbul today, the first match between the two national teams for 39 years.

Romania win

CONSTANTA, Romania, Sept 21, (Reuters): Romania beat Albania 3-0 (half time 2-0) in a friendly soccer international yesterday.

Pakistan squad

KARACHI, Sept 21, (Reuters): Pakistan have retained the squad which won the first Test by an innings and 188 runs for the second against Australia beginning on Friday in Faisalabad.

The selectors added captain Javed Miandad's younger brother Anwar, and batsman Moinul Atiq, increasing the size of the squad to 16 from 14.

The squad is: Javed Miandad, Mudassar Nazar, Rameez Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmad, Aamer Malik, Salim Yousaf, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim, Tauseef Ahmad, Saleem Jaffer, Mushtaq Ahmad, Mohsin Kamal, Anwar Miandad, Moinul Atiq.

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

- N/S
1. Dr H. Alzaid & Ibrahim Qattar
2. G. Latala & M. Meslari
3. I. Meouchi & M. Zannari
E/W
1. I. Darks & Babbar
2. A. Shanti & Dr Oakley
3. D. Makherjee & S. Drexler
A marathon bridge will be played tomorrow at 3.00 pm at the Sheraton Hotel.

Results of the Regency Palace Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday morning:
1. Nabil Akel & Frederique Asfar
2. Sonia Bannay & Randa Finas
and Camille Sawabli & Khouda Tams

CHANG ELIMINATES FREEMAN

Agassi crushes Saceanu

LOS ANGELES, Sept 21, (Reuters): Teenagers Andre Agassi and Michael Chang, two of the most exciting talents on the US tennis scene, provided showpiece victories in the first round of the \$415,000 Los Angeles Grand Prix yesterday.

Top seeded Agassi, 18, dispatched unseeded West German Christian Saceanu 6-2 6-2 in 57 minutes, while Chang, 16, ousted fellow American Marcel Freeman 7-6 6-4.

Bewilder

Agassi, ranked four in the world, unleashed a series of lightning forehands to pass and bewilder the serve-volleying Saceanu, ranked 68 and a protégé of Boris Becker's former coach, Gunter Bosch.

Saceanu appeared unnerved by the barrage of groundstrokes and double-faulted twice in the eighth game before dropping the opening set.

Agassi continued to produce masterly forehand winners in the second set, breaking Saceanu

three times for a 5-0 lead before faltering briefly as he dropped serve in the seventh game. But the American broke Saceanu in the next game to win the match with a backhand winner down the line.

"Physically I'm great but mentally I need a little time off," said Agassi, who has played almost non-stop all year.

Chang, ranked 41, who has completed just eight months on the tour as a professional, faced a veteran opponent whom he knew little about.

Both players held serve in the closely-fought first set until games reached six all and the tiebreaker. Freeman saving five set points against Chang in the 12th game with volleys and forehand winners.

Chang led 4-1 in the tiebreaker until Freeman used his forehand and net game to forge a comeback to 5-5. But Chang broke through again as Freeman netted a backhand approach shot, then served out the set and the tiebreaker 7-5 with a chipped

serve to Freeman's backhand which he returned deep.

Chang broke Freeman twice in the second set to lead 5-2 before Freeman attempted another comeback, breaking Chang for 5-3 with a forehand winner, then holding serve for 5-4. But Freeman squandered two break points in the following game, then volleyed a backhand long to give Chang his first match point. Chang won it easily as Freeman netted a backhand.

Brink

In an earlier match, fourth-seeded Swede Mikael Pernfors came back from the brink of defeat, saving two match points against him in the tenth game of the final set before prevailing over unseeded American Tim Wilkison 3-6 6-3 7-6.

In a morning match second-seeded Kevin Curren rallied to defeat Tod Nelson 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 and defending champion David Pate eased past Peter Lundgren of Sweden 6-3, 6-2.

Curren, 30, who has played well during an abbreviated

schedule caused by leg injuries, dropped the first set to Nelson, a big serve-and-volley player. The critical break occurred when Nelson broke for the third time while ahead, 6-5.

With the third set knotted 2-2, Curren got the pivotal service break in the fifth, then went on to win the two hour, five minute match.

"I had trouble with my serve today," Curren said. "I had just come from playing an exhibition on clay over the weekend and I wasn't quite sharp enough today on the hard courts."

Pate, the defending champion and fifth seed, made short work of Lundgren, who won their first meeting last year.

Ranking

"It's been a pretty slow year for me, so far," said Pate, ranked 33rd in the world. "I've played well at times and other times I haven't. It was do-or-die for me out there today. If I don't do well here, my ranking will drop 10 or 15 places."

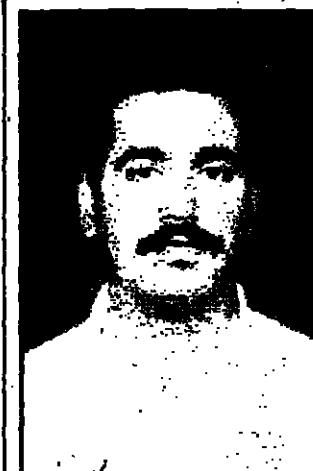
Zarqa outlast
Super Stars

ZARQA scored a five-run victory over Super Stars in first match of the new cricket season at the Safeway ground earlier this week.

Zarqa, after being put in to bat, scored 171 for the loss of only one wicket by the end of the 24 allotted overs.

Zahid was the top scorer for Zarqa with an unbeaten 83 in which he hit two sixes and 11 fours. Mubasher was the only batsman to be out, leg before wicket to Babar after scoring 50. Tariq remained unbeaten on 24.

In reply, Super Stars were only able to score 166 for the loss of four wickets in their allotted overs. Babar scored 47 while Ijaz and Sikander hit 32 and 38 respectively.



Asad: five for 18

Saleem and
Asad shine
for Prince

PRINCE Cricket Club beat Hilti Cricket Club by 32 runs in a Brud Trophy match, organised by the Gulf Cricket League, at the GCL ground earlier this week.

Prince batted first, opening their innings through Mujahid Butt and Asad Malik who put on 35 runs for the first wicket before the former was out for 17. Asad also went back to the pavilion soon, after scoring 12, but Mohammed Saleem thrashed all the Hilti bowlers on his way to 75.

Difficult
Saleem hammered eight fours as Prince scored 149 for the loss of three wickets in their 26 allotted overs. Shahid remained unbeaten on 22. For Hilti Fakhar took two wickets while Abuzar got one.

Hilti found the going difficult from the start and lost their first wicket with only four runs on the board. Abuzar hit 48 and Khozama 29 but Hilti were only able to score 117 for the loss of all their wickets.

Asad was the main wicket-taker for Prince with five wickets for 18 runs. Aslam and Shahid took two wickets each.

Stage set for Cyprus Car Rally

Snijers aims to beat Tabaton

NICOSIA, Sept 21, (Reuters): Belgian rally ace Patrick Snijers hopes to put his claim to the European Championship beyond doubt when the Cyprus Car Rally, the last major event of the season, starts on Friday.

"For the moment I'm the leader in the European Championship...this is the last event where we can score a lot of points," Snijers, driving a BMW M3, told Reuters.

Ahead

He took the lead in the standings last week in the Manx Rally on the Isle of Man, going 40 points ahead of Italian Fabrizio Tabaton.

Tabaton is the only driver with enough points to challenge the

Belgian's hold on the championship.

"I don't have to win the rally, I just have to beat Tabaton and that is my sole aim here," Snijers said.

The Cyprus Rally has been upgraded this year to become one of the top 10 events in Europe and the winner will add 400 points to his tally.

Tabaton, in a four-wheel-drive Lancia Integral, said he was confident the car could clinch victory but noted he would have to keep its power in check over the tortuous rough stages of the 850-km (450-mile) island rally.

Italian Fabio Aletti, third in the European championship, will also be competing along with

last year's Cyprus winner, Briton David Llewellyn.

A total of 92 crews are taking part in the three-day event which will take drivers from the dusty plains to central Cyprus to the narrow, winding roads of the Troodos mountains, many of them unsurfaced.

Stay

Most of the going is considered four-wheel-drive territory but Snijers was confident his rear-wheel drive BMW would stay the course.

"I have one of the best cars in the world," Snijers said.

"In 1986 I won (the Cyprus Rally) without four-wheel drive. Anything is possible."

Baseball results

NEW YORK, Sept 21, (Reuters): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday:

National League		
Los Angeles	5	Houston 0
San Francisco	7	Atlanta 4
Cincinnati	7	San Diego 2
Pittsburgh	5	St Louis 1
New York	6	Philadelphia 4
Chicago	9	Montreal 1
American League		
Oakland	12	Minnesota 3
Boston	13	Toronto 2
Detroit	3	Cleveland 1
New York	7	Baltimore 1
Texas	4	Chicago 1
Milwaukee	6	California 5
Seattle	11	Kansas City 10

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HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has issued a directive to the authorities concerned to meet all the financial needs of the Kuwaiti sports clubs.

Commenting on the directive, assistant undersecretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Abdel Rahman Al Mazroui said Sheikh Saad would personally finance the cost of all urgent requirements, while the major long-term needs would be referred to the parties concerned.

The ministry, headed by Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, has assigned a team to survey the needs of the sports clubs in implementation of Sheikh Saad's directives.

The Crown Prince's initiative falls in line with his constant support for the development of the sports movement and aims at bringing out the best in the Kuwaiti youth in all sports activities.

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